Inflation rate down to 13% a month ahead of target

Single-figure inflation is in sight, with the Government reaching its inflation target for this year a national ballot by the Bakers, month early and a further fall expected in Union among its 57,000 members. January. Mr Charles Williams, Price Commission chairman, said yesterday that less frequent increases were likely in future, some as much as 12 months apart. (Business News, page 17)

Earnings outlook still the uncertain factor

rate of inflation strengthens our conviction that continued

moderation in pay settlements will help to reduce prices in

the shops and make British goods more compenitive in world markets."

ensure that the annual rate of inflation will continue to fall.

The Government hopes that the fact that inflation has been very low for the past few months will influence the think-

It is expected that they will be impressed both by the broad logic of the Government's posi-

tion and by a slowing of price rises in the shops.

In the past few months the Government has had the special

factor of a fall in seasonal food prices helping it bring down in-

flation as fruit and vegetables became more plentiful. This

advantage will soon disappear, but it is hoped that the fall in the underlying rate of industrial

costs will by then have been so

great as to allow higher prices for seasonal foods to be absor-

the fact that the cost of

bed within the index.

ing of wage negotiators.

fter that, average earnings are likely to play a dominant role in deciding how great inflation will be in the second half of

The Government has met its

target for bringing down infla-tion this year a month ahead of schedule, and is well on track-for single-figure inflation by the spring. The retail price index rose by only half a point in November to stand at 187.4, 13 per cent above its level of November last year, according to figures released by the De-partment of Employment yes-

November saw the fifth consecutive drop in the annual in-flation rate from its high point of 17.7 per cent in May. In October the annual rate was

A further decline is expected in December, which should confirm that the Government has succeeded in reducing the ambal rate to 13 per cent by the lost quarter—its stated goal.
The fall in the underlying rate of inflation in recent months has been even more dramatic, going from a high point of 20 per cent in May to 87 per cent in November. This is measured by examining changes in prices of all items except seasonal foods over the past six months and then converting the figures to an angualized rate.

November is the second month in which inflation, as ganged by this test, has been within single figures.

Mr Hattersley, Secretary of Sate for Prices and Consumer Protection, pointed out that the annual figures failed to record the success which the Govern-ment has had in slowing price rises because they are influ-lated by big increases early in

There was also an increase in the price of durable goods be year caused by the pound's all in 1976. and a very sharp increase in the index for services. Much of Mr Booth, Secretary of State this, however, was accounted for w Employment, used the occasion to give credit for the suctelephone calls in previous months had been artificially deand to call for perseverance with them. He was clearly ask-ing union negotiators to accept pressed by the fact that the Post Office was handing back a E7 rebate to subscribers because it had made roo much profit. age increases within the guide-

Mr John Methven, director-

Three held

murder case

Cairo, Dec 16.-Three young

Arabs, a girl and two men, have

been arrested in connexion with

the murder of Mr David

Hilden, Chief Foreign Corre-

according to the newspaper Al-

motives for the murder of Mr Holden, who was 53, had not

The names or nationalities of

the three have not been given.

At Ahram said they were creesed in a flat at Manial, a

Cairo district, at midnight last

Mr Holden arrived here by

air from Amman on the evening of December 6 and his body

Al-Ahram said Mr Holden's suitcase, his portable typewriter and his notebook had been found by a police patrol in a car without plates in a side street in Dokki, near here. His

passport was still missing. The

car was towed to Dokki police

station and experts were called

to take fingerprints and samples of bloodstains from it.

The police are looking for

e murder of Mr Holden. He

aid the two men and the girl were merely belping inquiries.

The official said one of the women owned the car in which it. Holden's belongings were

ound. The owner had reported his car had been stolen before the Holden arrived in Cairo.

.The official said that until the

iller or killers were found, all

naires would be considered.

political, robbery or otherwise.

he declined to give details of the three people held by the police.—Reuter.

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was found the next morning on the frince of the desert at Nasr City, a Cairo suburb. He had been shot at the back with a bullet which pierced the heart.

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Police sources said political

been ruled our.

in Holden

threatens Christmas bread By Christopher Thomas

Bakers' ban

An overtime ban by bakery workers in England and Wales will begin tomorrow unless weekend peace efforts produces a sertlement. The producers say it will cut supplies by a quarter.

bers over a pay offer that would, according to the employers increase average earnings by slightly more than a tenth. The union said the offer was rejected ted by two to one.

The Federation of Bakers, whose members include the three main producers, Ranks Hovis McDongall, Spillers French, and Allied Bakeries, said that next week overtime would have risen to cope with the Christmas demand.

The federation's members ow 230 bakeries, producing more than seven tenths of all bread Smaller, private bakeries where the union has no mem Smaller. bers, will escape the ban.

The employers say the industry is in a serious financial state and is still recovering from the last bakery workers strike, less than three months ago. The producers make 0.012p profit on each standard loss.

Pay rises are the one great uncertainty hovering over the monthly movement in prices next year. Until the late spring the fall in the cost of manufacturers' raw material, caused by the strengthening of the pound and sluggish world demand for commodities, should densure that the annual sets of The Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service apparently made repeated telephone calls to the union's head-quarters in Hatfield, Hertford-thire while the 18 members. shire, while the 18-member national executive was meeting yesterday, but failed to get a reply. It has offered to meet either party to the dispute this weekend.

The workers' ballot produced a big majority in favour of an overtime ban rather than a strike. Most bakery workers do overtime to bridge a gap beween shifts. The union seeks consolida-

tion of increases received under phases one and two of the pay policy (£8.50 in most cases) so that they would count for overtime and bonus payments, a 10 per cent rise and an extra three days' holiday. It says that the employers' offer is worth 6 per cent on basic

England and Wales. If the ban is imposed, Christmas supplies will be insufficient. The em-ployers say that the umon is not following agreed bargain-Mr David Duke-Evans, direc

tor of the rederation of Bakers, said the action might force producers to rationalize and close bakeries. Profit margius, where they existed, were low. The employers say that their

offer gives increases of from 6 per cent to more than 15 per cent on weekly earnings, and that to grant the union's claim would breach government breach government Dearer beer, page 17 guidelines.



Tube extension to Heathrow may be a gleaming technological miracle, but yesterday at least it did not seem the best all-round buy for some trunk-laden, travel-weary air passengers (David Nicholson-

The Queen officially opened the extension and inspected, among other marvels a computerized, trilingual journey planner, which features a coloured video display to help traveliers to reach their destination. Accompanied by Mr Rodgers, Secretary

of State for Transport, and representatives of the GLC, she travelled the mile and a-half of new track between Hatton Cross and Heathrow Central stations in the motorman's cab (above). She recalled the first occasion she had

travelled by Tube, in 1939, and contrasted it with her opening of the Victorian Line eight years ago. "The ticket clerk saw right years ago. The ticket clerk saw nothing wrong with my sixpence in those days, unlike the automatic ricket machine at Victoria, which seemed very reluctant to take the responsibility of issuing me with a ricket", she said.

Because of a lift engineers' dispute, which ended on Monday, only two of the six escalators were working in time for the opening, despite concentrated efforts by London Transport staff. Some two-and-ahalf hours after the inauguration, the first public train left Wood Green station, in north London, at two o'clock. By mid-afternoon curiosity seekers were thronging the shining nalls and moving walkways of the new station and seller of commemorarive stationery, at 50p an item, were The extension makes Heathrow the first

large international airport directly linked into the Underground system of a great capital city. At 80p for a single journey between central London and the airport, which takes 47 minutes, the result has been proclaimed a great benefit in cost, time and tempers.

But journeys to and from Heathrow by other methods of transport yesterday showed a slightly different picture. If other many parameters of the contract of the other, more personal factors such as com-fort, round-the-clock azailability, and even scenic value, a point of importance for tourists if not businessmen, are taken into account, the new Tube line performs rela-

Inquiry finds roads are being built in wrong place

By Michael Baily Transport Correspondent

Britain has been building innecessary roads, and build ing them in the wrong places, according to the Leitch committee, whose report is expected to be published soon.

Traffic growth has been overestimated in past road proposals, the committee finds, and road construction costs have been underestimated

The committee was appointed by Mr Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport, last Janu-ary after widespread disquiet among environmentalists and others over new roads such as the M3 Winchester by-pass, and over traffic forecasts used to justify them.

Its chairman is Sir George Leitch, chairman of Short Brothers and Harland and a former Department of Defence pioneer of analytical techniques. The committee's task is to review methods of appraising roads proposals and of traffic

The criteria for road posals are too simple naive, the committee finds, and as a result large and costly roadworks have been built where something simpler, cheaper, and less disruptive would have met the traffic

There has also been a tendency to build roads in open country, where it is easier, where it is more difficult, costly, and unpopular, although the need for some unbuilt urban roads is far greater than for Continued on page 2, col 5 some rural roads already built, and the cost-benefit is superior.

resolving the issue of Pales-tinian Arabs. Obviously, a parti-

cular focus was on the direct talks which have commenced

between Egypt and Israel, All aspects of the current Middle

the context of the search for a

Mr Begin leaves for Israel on Sunday evening, stopping on

the way in London, where he will see Mr Callaghan.

Edward Mortimer writes from Cairo: The Cairo conference

has adjourned for the three days covering the Muslim, Jewish and Christian holy days.

Nations would have been happy to work on Sunday had there

been work to be done.

But neither Israelis nor
Egyptians are in a hurry to
anticipate the results of Mr

Begin's visit to Washington.
Moreover the delegates are
finding it easier to make progress in small, informal meet-

ngs than in the full sessions

Both sides have agreed to

both sides have agreed to take Security Council Resolution 242 as a basis, but each side has prepared its own working paper listing what it considers to be

the essential elements of a just

of the conference.

and lasting peace.

The Egyptians would not have objected to working on Friday, and both Mr Alfred Atherton of the United States and General Sillasvuo of the United

comprehensive peace.

Cyprus kidnappers extend deadline

Nicosia, Dec 16.—The Cyprus napping. He was the only rival authorities have made contact candidate to Mr Kyprianou, with the kidnappers of the 21"It would be a tragedy year-old son of President Kyprianou and are trying to obtain his release, a senior Gov-ernment official announced here

He said the intermediary was a former Eoka-B leader, but all he had been able to achieve so far was to get the kidnappers to extend by 48 hours their deadline for killing Second-Lieutenant Achilleas Kyprianou if all political prisoners are not amnestied. The deadline is now 8 pm (GMT) tomorrow.

Tonight, Mr George Tom-asos, the Communications basos, the Communications Minister, said: "We know who the kidnappers are, and they know that we know them." He did not elaborate.

Mr Glafkos Clerides, leader of the Democratic Rally Party, said today he was withdrawing from the February presidential election because of the kid-

Blow for guerrillas

Nurse visited in jail

Sponsorship warning

Much of the leadership of the guerrilla force belonging to Mr Robert Mugabe's wing of the Patriotic Front was eliminated in Rhodesia's big raid into Mozambique last month, Lieutenant-General Peter Walls, the Rhodesian commander of combined operations, said. He made it plain that the Rhodesian forces would carry out further raids if necessary but emphasized that Phodesian had no course with the local

Rhodesia had no quarrel with the local Mozambican population Page 4

Foreign reporters were allowed to visit the women's prison in Bangkok where Miss Rita Nightingale, a British nurse, is serving her 20-

wightingate, a british nurse, is serving her 20-year jail sentence for attempted drug smuggling. The reporters found the prison coagenial. Miss Nightingale was crying when she spoke to them about her appeal

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Monday's espionage scandal. Criticism by the Constitutional Court over the number of conscientious objectors appeared to erode his

Handicapped boy wins: A mentally handicapped boy of 12 won the right to receive mobility allow-

ance after a 15-month campaign by his parents 2

Firemen's benefits: The Department of Health

and Social Security stood by a circular detailing restrictions on benefits for families of striking

in Mozambique

"It would be a tragedy for Cyprus if party divisions and a preelection campaign were to be added to the already tense atmosphere created by the horrible kidnapping of President Kyprianou's son," Mr Clerides said in his statement.

Thousands of high school students marched silently past the President's office today, many carrying placards reading "freedom for Achilleas". The President told them: " wish to assure you that I am facing this problem as a father too, but primarily as head of state having in mind the national interest? __IDI and AD Writ refused: Kyriakos Mariou Kakis, a former Eoka-B member, lost his High Court battle yesterday to prevent extradition to Cyprus to face a four-year-old murder charge.

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Cooperman

other name

From Michael Leapperson

A judge in the New York

state Supreme Court has: after

three years of litigation, allowed

the former Mrs Ellen Cooperman to call herself Ellen Cooperperson. His ruling reversed that of a lower court last year when a judge called the proposed new name inane and proposed self-

In 1974 Mrs Cooperman (as

she then was), a film producer, divorced Mr Norman Cooper-

man and decided to alter her

surname on the grounds that the old one was sexist. She began legal moves, normally a formality, only to have the peti-

In granting her new petition

yesterday, Justice Leon Lazer said that she had a right in law

to adopt a name of her own choosing, so long as it would not lead to fraud, evasion or to misleading others. There was no reason to think it would do

Mrs Cooperperson said that last year's rejection of her peti-

tion provoked much sympathy from people who would not nor-

mally be regarded as keen sup-porters of women's liberation. Her 10-year-old son Brian would

keep the name Cooperman, she

tion rejected last year.

any of those things.

New York, Dec 16 --

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Mr Carter and Mr Begin may join **President Sadat in Cairo summit**

tary of State. When Mr Begin returned to

Blair House, he told reporters: "We discussed the most impor-

tant problems concerning the most impor-tant problems concerning the peace-making process in the Middle East." He had lunch with congressional leaders.

Afterwards Israeli spokesmen

would say only that the talks were held in "an extremely

good atmosphere", and that they were concerned with two issues, the "Palestinian Arabs" (Mr Begin's preferred termino-

logy) and Sinai. Presumably Mr

Begin told Mr Carter what

territorial concessions Israel would make to Egypt.

lined proposals concerning future relations between Egypt

The White House statement

The Prime Minister out-

From Patrick Brogan

Washington, Dec 16
President Carter and Mr
Begin had a two-hour meeting
in the White House this morning. Various sources strongly
suggest that the Israeli Prime
Minister has proposed that
there should be a summit meeting heureen himself President ing between himself, President dat and Mr Carter shortly after Christmas to open sub-stantive negotiations.

Mr Sadat has hinted, on American television, that the idea has already been put to him, and it is suggested that he will agree if the Israeli peace plan shown to Mr Carter this morning seemed to him a basis for negotiations.

said Mr Carter had conferred with President Sadat by tele-phone after seeing Mr Begin. phone after seeing Mr Begin.
Mr Carter is passing through
the Middle East on his way to
and from India at the new year
and it would be entirely
possible for him to go to Cairo,
say, for a summit. That might
be a suitable moment for bringing King Husain of Jordan into

the process.

Mr Begin is staying at Blair House, the guest house put at the disposal of visiting digni-

The first hour's discussions

taries. He walked across the road to the White House at 8

were then joined by officials for a second bour. One of them

President Carter.

Mrs Bhutto

Face to face: Mr Begin and

hurt in Test riot From Our Own Correspondent

Lahore, Dec 16 Mrs Nusrat Bhotto, wife of

Mr Bhutto, the former Prime Minister of Pakistan and chairman of the People's Party, was detained in bospital here with a head wound inflicted by a policemen's stick when violence flared at the first Test metch between England and Pakistan. Three stitches were inserted in the wound. Mrs Bhutto was at the centre of the disturbance,

which caused play to be sus-pended for an hour. Police used tear gas to break up fighting between political opponents.

England at the time had scored 85 for two wickets in reply to Pakistan's 407 for nine

declared. The trouble raised doubts as to whether the tour could continue. John Woodcock, page 15

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ocean inferno as

disaster so far

will need aid for several years if it is to overcome its financial difficulties Page 4

Mortgages 'blocked

a council scheduled an area for redevelopment at some unspecified time that "blocked use of building society funds" Page 2

Case disturbs judge

another car in connexion with the incident, Al-Ahram said. State security police had scru-tinized Mr Holden's papers and arrested a number of suspects. After jailing a farmworker at Bodmin Crown Court, for life for the murder of his backward son, Mr Justice Willis said he was gravely disturbed by what he had heard about a lack of supervision for the boy, and called for a Government inquiry

Page 3 The newspaper did not say how many or whether they included the three Arabs. Mr Holden's body, identified

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last Saturday, was flown to Britain yesterday. Letters: On the Unification Church, from Mr H. A. C. Masters, and others; on the Lib-Lab pact, from Mr Richard Lamb Commenting on the Al-Ahram eport, an Interior Ministry reople taken into custody could 10t be described as suspects in

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and the FT Index closed 0.2 down
at 471.9, a loss of 14 points over
the week. Gilts rose on better

the week. Girs rose on better inflation news
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added, because he was male and thus not uncomfortable with it. £89 New York return: A travel agency is offering return air fares to New York for £89 Third 'arson' attack on Eton Paris: President Giscard entered the French election campaign with a speech in the Norman college within a month

From Our Correspondent Windsor

Police were searching last night for someone who is believed to have caused more than £140,100 worth of fire damage at Eton College.

In the latest attack yesterday, the third within a month, classrooms and an office were burnt out causing more than £40,000 worth of damage. The fire raiser avoided special fire security patrols.

"I am convinced this is arson", Mr Michael McCrum, the Head Master, said. "Over the past two years we have found signs of a number of attempts to start fires at the Warre Horachool Previously we have as arson.

tound piles of burnt sticks and remains of small fires near the seat of the blaze." On November 4 last a £100.000 blaze destroyed historic Warre

House. The house was closed at the time for renovation work. A week ogo a blaze in a yentilation shaft caused minor damage at Walpole House. Mr McCrum said: "I cannot think why anyone should want to start fires at the school." He discounted the possibility of boys at the school being responsible, pointing out that they went home for their Christmas holi-days earlier this week.

Thames Valley police said the latest blaze and the fire at Warre House were being treated

84 men saved from two tankers crash

Table and chart,

A helicopter and rescue ships saved 84 crewmen when two 330,000-ton supertankers collided and caught fire 20 miles off the South African coast near Port Elizabeth. Both ships, still burning, remained affoat, drifting east three mikes apart.
Anti-pollution vessels headed for the area effer
reports of a growing oil slick which threatens
holiday resort beaches. With both ships valued
at £15m, it could prove the costliest maritime

New York aid plea

New York banks have asked Congress to support an extension of the federal Government's loan programme for the city, which is due to end next summer. Their chairmen told the Senate banking committee that New York

Council planning rigidity often prevented mortgages being advanced to would-be home owners, Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, said at a London conference. If

Mr van Agt's uphill task Mr van Agt's new Dutch Government, a coalition

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George Hutchinson looks at the EEC elections vote and its consequences; Vanora Leigh on why the pinstripe brigade has taken to farming; Michael Hornsby on getting Europeans to drink more

A report gives a warning that if I'm in sports sponsorship was suddenly removed, that could seriously affect many sports, especially the more expensive ones. It also says that as more companies study what they get for their money the arts could benefit Page 4 Minister's future in doubt Herr Georg Leber, the West German Defence Minister, faces an increasingly uncertain political future after a second blow followed

of most of his Christian Democrats with the Liberals, is assured of only 69 votes in the 150-seat Parliament. Since the coalition programme is vaguely defined, it will be up to ministers to offer broadly acceptable measures.

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Stuarda at Covent Garden with Joan Sutherland; Alan Coren on The Big Time; Irving Wardle and Ned Chailler on entertainments for children at Christmas

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Rigid council planning | Curb stands policy blocks home loans, Mr Shore says

inaction and rigidity in their planning policies, which often prevented building societies from offering mortgages to 5300m would probably represent only chour four per cent sent only chour four per cent sent only chour in 1978. But criticized local authorities for would-be home owners.
"If a local authority has

scheduled an area for redevelonment at some unspecified date in the misty future, it has effectively blocked use of building society funds", he told a London conference on the housing policy review, organized by

tion.

"If it will not come forward with clear plans for the envir-anmental improvement of a declining neighbourhood it will tilt further into decline"

"If it will not give an appli-ent for a building society morttige an assurance of an im-provement grant, and if it insists on its right to reclaim the ment if the house is sold with-

mortgage applicants nominated by local authorities, but added that day to day running of the so-called support lending subsme was still far from satis-fectory. In some areas "it does Some building society representatives genuinely believed in favour of a closed shop and at the demand was not there,

Planning Reporter of State for the Environment, vesterday for the Environment, vesterday for the Environment, vesterday with equal conviction that the demand was there, but that the use of funds was inhibited by

of total lending in 1978, But councils had complained of excessive caution and of a reluctance to lend on certain types of proporty A share of next year's funds

would be allocated to any

authority that requested it. this year to 200 named authorities. Mr Shrra announced.

He also spake about alleged discrimination by building societies agains: certain inner city neighbourhoods. It had carlier been the subject of a demonstration by Shelter representatives, who gave delegates leaflets calling for an end to

red lining".

Mr. Shore suggested that what was described as red lining coincided with a relucin five years, it will make it lining coincided with a reluction five years, it will make it lining coincided with a reluction of individual decisions by springly a mortgage."

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Closed shop opposed In a poll of the 4.000 mem-bers of the National Association

ailed for corruption

'bw Vele steelworks and a mer sales director of a New-'d espionage "

of the secution, alleged that Gordon wan, aged 59, former chief charical engineer at the claverks, had provided A. J. ward Ltd with confidential formation from inside the claverks which enabled Sewto_undercut_competitors. Mr Brown, of Risca Road, import, admitted six charges

agen of the Moor View, Willow-town, Ebbw Vale.

Mr Price was sent to prison for two years. He was found gullry of corruptly accepting £50 from Sewards.

Mr Genner, who was found guilty of corruptly accepting a £115 holiday in Turquay, was fined £250. Mr Mills and Mr Price were

on aid to families of firemen

By Donald Macintyre Labour Reporter

The Department of Health and Social Security yesterday stood by a circular laying down restrictions on the payment of supplementary benefit to the families of striking firemen.

Mr Arthur Latham, Labour MP for City of Westminster, Paddington, had earlier called for withdrawal of the circular, believed to have been issued by the department's north London regional office.

He said the document, which makes it clear that bearing allowances should not be allowed in the assessment of dependants' requirements, appeared to discriminate against firemen and their famiies. The circular also indicates

that payments to cover standing order commitments that firemen have failed to modify from the beginning of the strike should be made only in "very exceptional" circumstances, and then at the rate of 50p a day for each dependant. Normally, the circular says, the claimant should be referred in such cases to the union's hardship fund or advised to

seek a bank ovedraft.

An official at the department maintained yesterday that there was nothing in the circular that was outside normal guidelines. He denied that it arose from any special ministerial instruc-

Firemen's leaders are to meet Mr Orme, Minister for Social Security, on Tuesday to discuss the policy on payment of bene-

fits.

Mr Terence Parry, general secretary of the Fire Brigades Union, yesterday continued talks with Mr Brian Rusbridge, secretary of the employers' side of the National Joint Council for the Pire Service. The union is to meet the employers

Romanish influences 'pose severe threat to Protestant heritage'

Paisley party condemns 'The Sound of Music'

Handicapped boy wins More writs threatened

From Christopher Walker

Taking a break from a vigorous campaign against reform of Ulster's homosexuality laws, followers of the Rev Ian Paisley have turned their collective wrath against the moral dangers inherent in the musical, The

Sound of Music.

The apparently innocuous story of a novice nun who becomes governess to an Austrian family was selected as this year's Christmas play at the redominantly Protestant high school in Kilkeel, a picturesque co Down fishing port.
Millions of admirers of Miss-

Julie Andrews may not have regarded the choice as over-controversial. But according to the influential local branch of Mr. Paisley's Democratic Unionists, the third largest political party in Northern Ireland, it posed a severe threat to the Protestant

heritage.

As a result of what the party describes as the "disgusted reaction" of many local Protes

A mentally handicapped boy

aged 12 yesterday won his right

to receive mobility allowance

when the National Insurance

Commissioner rejected a test

case appeal against his claim

by the Department of Health

The decision marked the end

of a 15-mouth campaign by Mr and Mrs Ernest Edmunds, of

Worcester, to prove that their son Robert, who suffers from Down's syndrome and will walk

By Craig Secon

and Social Security.

right to allowance

protest and demanded an meeting with the

Although the move may seem ludicrous to those unfamiliar with the religious prejudice that marks much of Ulster kie, the protest and the seriousness with which it has been presented go far to explain the province's continuing and apparently insoluble difficul-

Without the slightest hint of tongue-in-cheek, the statement declared: "We wish to protest in the strongest possible manner about the staging of *The*Sound of Music in Kilkeel High
School. We see this as yet another inroad of the great

Last night Mr George McConnell, the party's local publicity officer, said: "The Sound of Music is full of Romanish influences which Protestants abbor. At one point

since the Edmunds's first appli-cation. The department appealed

against the original award to the boy on the bass that he could walk but refused to do so because of his low mental

Mr and Mrs Edmunds were

supported in their campaign by Mr Peter Walker, Conservative

Mr Peter Walker, Conservative MP for Worcester. He was concerned that many similarly handicapped children might be denied the mobility allowance. The rules for entitlement state that an applicant should be unable or virtually unable to walk through physical disability. Mr Morris, the minister with responsibility for the Disabled, said in the Commons last week that he hoped the appeal would succeed.

way that the Romans do."

Mr McConnell, a local drill- writes). ing contractor, was quite unrepentent about a protest which would be inconceivable outside the six counties of Northern Ireland Local Protestant anger, he explained, had grown because of previous incidents at the school He said one involved the use of the New English Bible

and resulted in a perition of protest from local parents. Another surrounded the teaching of a version of the Battle of the Boyne (1690) in which King William III was shown as a tyrant. Such, as many British politi-tians have discovered to their

cost are the kind of issues that still really count in many parts of Northern Ireland. Neave complaint: Mr Airey Neave, Opposition spokesman

By Our Political Reporter

Two Oxford graduates who

have become a thorn in the

flesh of the Labour Party yes-

terday anounced that they may

ircrease their litigation by

issuring writs for alleged

breaches of rules in six more

Labour constituency parties.

Their threat has disturbed

the national executive com-mittee it has decided to inquire into their activities, which have already cost the party \$20,000. The graduates

Mr Paul McCormick and Mr Julian Lewis, started their cam-

candles are lit on the stage, on Northern Ireland, yesterday some of the children have to protested to the BBC about the appear in the garb of Catholic Tonight programme on telenums and they also have to vision on Thursday, which bless themselves publicly in the included interviews with IRA leaders (our Political Reporter

> in a letter to Mr Ian Trethowan, director general of the BBC, Mr Neave said that it was time the House of Commons had an opportunity to study the film on an all-party basis, so that MPs could form a judg-ment on BBC policy in Ulster. The extraordinary state-

ment by the producer, Mr Sean Hardie, that it was essentially an 'explanatory piece' demon-strates an air of total irresponsibility for the consequences to the people of Northern Ire-land, Mr Neave wrote.

against Labour groups

He added: "The terrorists

are using your corporation for their own propaganda. It is a matter of great regret to me personally that you should have reached a decision which will inevitably give new encourage-

Treasurer of the Labour Party

stated last night: "Democracy is being threatened. The courts

are being used as political com-mittee rooms. The judiciary will be looked upon as so much

political puppetry and our legal

system brought into disrepute

His statement also disclosed

that the party has not yet found a way of dealing with Mr Lewis and Mr McCormick

He said: "Faced with this situation, we can either ignore the issuing of writs, fail to turn up in court, and let the matter take its natural course,

if this business continues."

New appeal procedure in Scottish cases urged

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From Ronald Faux

Changes in the procedure in Scotland for appeals against conviction and sentence are recommended in a report by the Thomson committee published vesterday.

The committee, under the

chairmanship of Lord Thomson, the High Court judge, proposed a two-stage procedure designed to give convicted criminals a better opportunity to prepare their cases.

As a first stage the appel-lant would merely indicate his intention to appeal, and the detailed grounds would be prepared separately.

At present the appellant had to state his grounds at an early state when it was uncertain whether legal aid would be available. That had led to appeals being drafted invariably without professional

The committee proposed that after giving notice of appeal the appellant would receive a transcript of the judge's charge to the jury. He would then prepare the detailed grounds.
Those would be handed to the trial judge before he prepared his report on the case to the Court of Appeal. The documents would be available to the Crown and also to the preme Court Committee to help them to decide on legal

On stated case procedure, the committee recommended that where adjustments were proposed by either party to the stated case prepared by a sheriff or district court judge, a compulsory hearing should be held. If he rejected any adjustment the judge who pre-pared the stated case would have to give his reasons.

The committee also propose that any person sent by the courts to a hospital or institution for treatment should be

Former steelworks men

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Robert Alfred Price, aged 65.

Newbridge; and Bert Genner, aged 61. of Moor View, Willow-

Mr Mills was sent to prison for 12 months. He was found guilty of corruption involving three hot-days in Madeira, Jersey and

corruptly accepting gifts om Sewards. He and Eric hite, aged 68, of Caerphilly ond, Bassaleg, Newport, were on jailed for 18 months. Mr

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only a few yards, was entitled to the allowance. The weekly allowance of £7, which is due to increase to £10 next year, will now be backdated to include the 15 months Museum contamination after radiation tests

Irradiation of dust from pieces of pottery at the National Museum of Antiquities, Edinburgh, to establish the age of pottery has led to medical examination of the staff and the suspension of the museum's research laboratory

The samples were sent to various reactors in the United Kingdom for irradiation and then returned to the museum The radiation was discovered about 11 days ago.

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wait up to a minute for the call to connect-IDD calls have to travel great distances. If you're uncertain about a code, a number, or whether a country can be dialled

there will be no operator assistance available on Christmas Day for calls that can

only £5.71 (this includes VAT) and calls to most countries cost less and have a Cheap Rate.

So please spread your calls over the whole holiday period to avoid congestion. To make this easier we are extending the Cheap Rate, where applicable, to cover Boxing Day

Mr Robert Stevenson, direc-Mr Robert Stevenson, director of the museum, confirmed yesterday that Dr Hugh McKerrill, director of its research laboratory, had been suspended from duty.

Mr Stevenson said that the irradiated dust "seems to have mildly contaminated carpets and things, but I understand the contamination is pretty low, a multiple of a luminous poetro." a multiple of a luminous watch, or something of that kind. But it is a matter that we could not deal with."

Quicker by taxi through the Christmas rush Continued from page 1-

It is certainly among the best buys for price. The 80p from Piccadilly Circus compares with £1 each for the British Reil coach link from Waterloo to Heathrow via Feltham and the Heathrow-Victoria airport bus, and £5.65 for a tay from the airport to Yor a taxi from the airport to Piccacilly Circus.

The trouble starts with speed however, A taxi clocked up 36 minutes to Piccadilly yesterday, despite the pre-Christmas rush hours, and the Railair link took 39 minutes. Lagging behind was the airport bus, caught up in an Earls Court traffic jam and registering 52 minutes.

On an admittedly personal judgment, the Tube link also ranked the lowest of the four in comfort, with inadequate space for luggage and a good chance of being obliged to stand for much of the journey. It was also lowest in terms of On round-the-clock avail-ability, the Heathrow extension

picked up a little, outperform-ing Railair but falling behind airport buses and taxis, both of which provide for awkward flights in the early hours.

A final points tally on subjective, but straightforward, ranking system shows altered buses and taxis sharing the lead with 15 points, followed by Railair with 12 points and the Underground amassing only 10 points.

Moon sect sues 'The Times' over articles

Arising from the three arricles published earlier this week on the Unification Church week on the Unification Church and its teaching, Mr Dennis F. Orme has issued a writ claiming damages for libel against Times Newspapers Ltd, the editor of The Times, and Diana Part, author of the articles. Mr Orme, leader of the Unification Church in Britain and director of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, attempted to obtain a High Court injunction on Tuesday to prevent publication of the third article, which described the Moon

which described the Moon sect's teaching. His counsel decided not to proceed with the application for the injunction when he was informed that Times News-papers had every intention of fully justifying those state-ments about which Mr Orme complained.

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Dockland houses contract

The London Borough of Tower Hamlets has awarded a £3.75m contract to John Laing Construction to build new hous-ing for nearly 600 people near

the former Eastern docks at Wapping.
It will be the first large building project in the redevelopment of the London docks, which will eventually house 5,000 people.

Boy's body found The body of Mark Williams, aged four who had been missing for a week from his home at Newtown, Powys, was found yesterday in the Severn near his home.

paign in Newham, North East, or we can consult the best legal the seat of Mr. Reg Prentice. opinion in the country to see Mr. Norman Atkinson, MP what initiatives can be taken, for Haringey, Tottenham, and and this we are now doing." Sentences cut in Chinese heroin case

A former public schoolgirl and her lover, each jalled for 14 years by a judge at the Central Criminal Court for trafficking in Chinese heroin, had their sentences cut to 12 years by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Lord Justice Waller, sitting

with Mr Justice Talbor and Mr Justice Mars-Jones, said Sing Mooi ("May") Wong, aged 31, a Malaysian heiress, and ber lover, Li Jaafar Mah, aged 29, both of St Mary's Avenue, Finchley, London, deserved substancial sentences. But those imposed by Judge Argyle, QC. on January 11 this year for their conspiracy to supply heroin through Soho did not fully their great assistance to the

Molly Yeow, aged 34, of Mont-pelier Grove, Kentish Town, had her 10-year sentence for con-spiracy cut to eight years. Richard Blanchard, aged 24, born in Australia, of Broadway, Yaxley, Peterborough, jailed for five and a half years for supply-ling herman processing the drug ing heroin, possessing the drug with intent to supply it, and breach of a suspended sentence order, had his sentence cut to

three and a half years.

Singh Lap Lai, axed 40, of Cueeusgare, Earls Court, London, jailed for nine years for the conspiracy, supplying heroin and possession of the drug with intent to supply, had his sentence cut to four years.

Chui Chi Sang, axed 55, of Bassein Park Road, Shepherd's Bush: Benito Ritchie, axed 39.

of Fentiman Road, South Lam-The couple's " Chief of Staff", beth; and Poh Huat Lee. uged 27, of Westmoreland Road, Walworth, all London, each jailed for seven years, had their sentences cut to six years Voon Hin Lim, aged 25, a student, of Milman Road, Kilburn, London, failed for four years for possession of the drug with intent to supply, was refused leave to appeal against his sentence

Marxism in universities motion rejected

Supplement
Edinburgh
University teachers last night

rejected a motion deploring a controversial report on Marxist infiltration of higher education.

The Association of University Teachers' council, meeting ar Beriot-Watt Tuiversity, Edin-burgh, rejected a resolution that deploted a report by Professor Julius Gould of Nottingham Uni-

versity, for naming many academic radicals and for im-plying that Maraist viewpoints in higher education were not · legitimate.

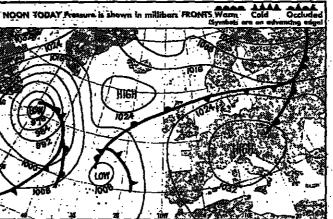
Instead, the council accepted an amendment affirming the right of teachers of different intellectual and political persua-sions to teach in universities and saying that appointments should be made on academic

the council accepted the reso-lution, which had the backing of the association's executive, it would be claiming the right to pass judgment on the context and style of its members writings.

Professor Ekkehard Kopp, o Hull University, said that report gave the impression that it was illegitimate for individuals of radical or Marxist views to hold criteria. radical or Marxis

Professor Gould said that if university posts.

Weather forecast and recordings



Tomorrow

Lighting up: 4:22 pm to 7.52 am.

Lighting up; 4.22 pm to 7.52 am, High water: London Bridge, 6.19 am, 6.7m (21.9ft); 6.57 pm, 6.7m (21.9ft). Avontnouth, 12.13 pm, 11.6m (38.9ft). Dover, 3.37 am, 6.2m (20.5ft); 4.21 pm, 5.9m (19.2ft). Rull, 11.11 am, 6.5m (21.2ft); 11.15 pm, 6.6m (21.6ft). Liverpool, 4.0 am, 8.2m (26.8ft); 4.21 pm, 8.4m (27.6ft).

Pressure will remain high over the British Isles but a trough of low pressure will move slowly S over N British.

Forecast for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE England: Mainly dry, bright or suany latervals developing: wind SE, light or moderate; must temp 7° to 8°C (45° to 46° F).

East Anglia, Midlands: Mainly dry, perhaps some showers later.

dry, perhaps some showers later, rather clouds but brighter spells; wind SE to S, light or moderate; may temp 7° to 8°C (45° to 46°F). Central S and SW England, Channel Islands, S Wales, Stattered showery outbreaks later, sumy intervals after early fog

lighting up: 4.42 pm to 7.33 am. High water: London Bridge, 7.12 am, 6.4m (21.0ft); 7.45 pm, 6.4m (21.0ft). Avonmouth. 12.37 am, 11.0m (36.2ft); 1.13 pm, 11.1m (36.4ft). Dover, 4.39 am, 6.0m (19.6ft); 5.28 pm, 5.7m (18.6ft). Hull; 12.12 pm, 6.2m (20.2ft). Liverpool, 5.2 am 7.8m (25.6ft); 5.25 pm, 6.0m (26.3ft): patches; wind S, moderate; max remp 8°C (46°F). E and Central N England: Mainly dry, rather cloudy; wind S, moderate; max temp 7°C (45°F).

Full Moon: December 25.

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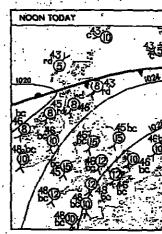
N Wales, NW and NE England,
Lake District, Isle of Man: Occasional rain, especially later, mostly
cloudy; wind S to SW, moderate;
max temp 7°C (45°F).

Borders, Edinburgh; and Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, N
Ireland: Occasional rain, especially later, mostly cloudy; wind
SW, light of moderate; max temp
8° to 9°C (46° to 48°F).

Aberdeen, Ceintal Highlands,
Moray Firth, NE and NW Scotland.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c, cloud ; d, drizzle ;





day: Mostly dry and bright, some rain later in the N and also SW, patchy night for and frost; remp near normal petchy night fog and frost; temp near normal.
Sea passages: S North Sea. Strain of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind SE, mainly moderate; sea slight.
St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind S, light or moderate; sea slight.

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son, Stephen, aged 19, Mr Justice Willis at Bodmin Crown

He said be was gravely dis-turtied by what he had heard

about the lack of supervision

for the young man, and added:
"I propose to communicate"

ment department in this case.

He spoke after Mr Men-beniott, aged 53, of Holy Vale, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly, was found guilty of murdering his

The jury of 10 men and two

The jury were discharged

from returning verdicts on four

from returning verdicts on four counts of causing grievous bodily harm, but Mr Menheulott was jailed for five years, to run concurrently, for intending to prevent an inquest being held by burying his son's body in a field near his home.

The court was told that the

After Mr Menheniott had left

the dock the judge said:
There is a large question mark

which has overhung this case for a long time, which I think must have been and still is, exercising the minds of many

And that is how it came

about that with the single honourable exception of Mr

Fairest (the island's dentist).

who was obviously exceedingly

worried about the condition from which this boy was suffer-

ing in the late autumn of 1975, that community in three years

seems to have done nothing to help that boy, who was obviously in fear of his father."

The boy must, from time to time, have been showing signs of painful injuries of one type

another. He thought it would

have been obvious to anyone living in St Mary's that the boy

"That is a matter which affects the members of that small community", the judge continued, "but that is another

administering the scheme.

"Ministers have got to get

away from the idea that they and their civil servants already have all the facts and opinions they need to take the right

Local authorities have been cutting back on discretionary

awards for students in further education, the provisional results of a government survey

if the proportion of students receiving them had been main-tained at the same level as two

for Education and Science, is understood to be "shocked and

By Our Education

Councils cut discretionary

value discretionary awards in would have been made this year if the proportion of th

with the proportion of state-us with 1575-76. Spending eceiving them had been main-ained at the same level as two 90 per cent of which is met directly by central government, is expected to total £426m.

Mrs. Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science,

awards for students

was being ill-treated.

had spent some years in authority homes and

women took almost four hours to reach their verdict, which

was by a majority.

It wants inquiring into."

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appalled" by the results of the survey of discretionary awards made by local education authorities in England and Wales between 195-76 and 1977-78. The survey showed that the number of full value discretionary awards remained constant Body needed for

complaints

about tribunals Absence of adequate means of handling complaints of injustice by tribunals is worrying the Council on Tribunals, which supervises and monitors the way they are run.

The council's annual report said yesterday that it lacked statutory authority to conduct effective negotiations. The Lord Chancellor held out no great hope of a satisfactory solution but would think again if complaints increased

The Annual Report of the Councli on Tribunals. House of Commons Paper 108 (Stationery

Streamlining for manpower

were made this year

expenditure for full

estimated at £58m, compared with £37m in 1975-76. Spending

has said that the Government would seek powers in an educa-tion Bill to permit the Secre-tary of State to extend manda-

tory grams to courses that at

present attract only awards at the discretion of the local

services agencies The Manpower Services Commission is to be streamlined. From next April 1 the commission's operations will be transferred to a single manpower services organization, Mr Booth, Secretary of State for Employ

ment, announced yesterday The commission's two executive arms, the Employment Service Agency and the Training Services Agency, will disappear but the services concerned will be provided by separate divi sions of the commission. A third division will be responsible for special programmes for the un-employed.

After jailing Thomas Men-matter. If ever there was a island in September, 1972, hemott, a farmworker, for life problem family, it was the Men-there was no responsibility by for the murder of his backward hemotis. They have been known way of visiting or monitoring for years to one local authority after another, and the problems home by any of the three were notorious."

were notorious." The boy returned to the island at the end of 1972 from the care of the East Sussex County Council, the judge said. "And I should be failing in my duty if I did not express my own concern about what

Government inquiry called for by

judge after man is sentenced

happened."
"I want to know what steps were taken either by East Sussex County Council or by the Cornwall Council or by the Cornwall Council, or both to see how that boy fared in his new habitat."

Mr David Owen-Thomas, QC,

for the Crown, said he under-stood that when East Sussex suggested that the boy should go home to live, Corowall County Council social services department said that he should not, and refused to accept res-ponsibility "that was being thrust towards them". Mr David Davies, counsel for East Sussex County Council, said the time came when the boy was 15, when he was due

to leave school and the county council found themselves in a

council found themselves in a dilemma about what course to take with him.

"They were unable to find work for him, and were unable to find a home. Under these circumstances, and also because he wanted to go back, they sent him back."

At that time he was still officially in the council's care. Throughout what the judge described as the "terrible three years" between 1972 and 1975, the council was exercising years" between 1975, the council was exercising parental responsibility. Mr

Davies accepted that there was not supervision when there should have been.

Mr Davies said that three authorities were involved, East Sussex, Cornwall, and the Isles of Scilly, which was a county before the 1972 local government reorganization. The Isles of Scilly had said they would do what they could under very difficult circumstances to cope and would tell East Sussex. County Council of any difficulties. But the isles relied in practice on Corowall for social work advice. Parental responsi-

The judge noted that from is high the day the boy set foot on the today".

for murdering backward young son way of visiting or monitoring of this boy's progress in his

> that responsibility". The judge suggested that the Cornwall County Council had completely washed their hands of the boy as a supervisory body.

have been expected to assume

Mr Neil McLellan, director of Social Services for Cornwall. agreed that that in general was the case. Matters of regret ": Mr Denis

Allen, Director of social services for East Sussex County Council, said: It is a matter of deep regret that in the months following Stephen's discharge to his father's care in 1972 we did not visit him to satisfy ourselves that he was mak-ing satisfactory progress. It is perhaps even more regret-ful that those who gave evidence

ful that those who gave evidence at the trial that they know he was being illireated took no steps to bring the ill treatment to an end either by direct intervention or by notifying someone in authority of what they knew.

While making no excuses for our part in this sad story, it emphasizes yet again that the well-being is as much a matter for the whole community as it is of the local community as it is of the local

authority.

A statement by the county council said: "When he left school, aged 15, in 1972, Stephen's future prospects in East Sussex seemed bleak". He East Sussex seemed bleak." He pressed strongly to go home and his family were keen to have him back. He visited his home in 1971 and again in 1972. The statement added: When he died, Stephen was legally an adult and the county council's parental responsibilities had expired on his eighteentil birthday, June 4, 1975. The county council is, however,

June 4, 1975.
The county council is, however, satisfied that the proper procedures were followed in reaching the decision to allow Stephen to remain in the Scilly Isles after the long holiday visit (in 1972). Following his return in 1972 the social services department did not apply its mind positively to the question of whether parental rights remained with the council. remained with the county council, and as a consequence Stephen was not propertly supervised after he went home.

As a result of a review o procedures, the council said that situation existing in 1972 remained with East is highly unlikely to happen

Minister calls for simpler benefits scheme The supplementary benefit system is too complicated for staffclaimants to understand and staff to administer. Mr Emals, Secretary of State for Social Services, said yesterday. He called for the scheme to be simplified, the appeals system to be improved, and people to be given clearer explanations of their rights.

"No one seriously attacks the level of benefits for pensioners, and that anyone who disagrees is either ill informed or malicious", he said.

"But if open government is except perhaps to say they are too low", Mr Orme said.

"But people do attack benefits for the unemployed, saying the very real financial and other practical difficulties ministers have to deal with."

Ouly a man on very low earnings with a large family would

He said in Oxford that more than 30,000 staff were used in many people were better off relose little on benefit. That was because the amount of benefit many people were better off re-ceiving social security benefits than in work were "grossly misleading", Mr Orme, Minister for Social Security, told the Scottish TUC in Glasgow yesprovided for the children might bring the entitlement up to, or near, what he could earn in work, but the income on benefit was not by any standards over-generous.

Compassion led son to kill mother aged 88 at 49,000 over the two-year period. If, however, they had been increased to keep pace with the growth of the 18-19 years group, 5,000 more awards would have been given this year. Two thousand fewer awards were made this year.

The compassion of Alfred Halligan, aged 57, for his aged and suffering mother drove him to take her life, Mr Justice Melford Stevenson was told at the Central Criminal Court yesterday. After witnessing her deterorating health and increasing pain and misery, he forced a pair of scissors into her termile.

temple.
Mr Halligan, of Heversban Mr Hailigan, of Heversham Road, Bexleyheath, Kent, was placed on probation for two years after pleading not guilty to murder but guilty to the manslaughter of his mother, Mary Halligan, aged 88, on the ground of diminished respon-sibility.

Tory returned in GLC by-election

Hayes and Harlington re-turned a Conservative to the Greater London Council in a byelection on Thursday. The majority was 87 in a 23.8 per cent poll. The GLC constituency cent poll. The GLC constituency is the same as the parliamentary constituency, which returned a Labour MP, Mr Neville Sandelson, at the last general election. Voting on Thursday was:

Mr Arthur Hull (C), 6.142; Mr Peter Russell (Lab. 6.055; Mr Peter Marsh (Nat Front), 595; Mr Alan Rowland (L), 522; Mr Delay Marsh (Nat Front), 595; Mr Alan Rowland (L), 522; Mr Peter Marsh (Nat Front), 595; Mr Alan Rowland (L), 522; Mr Mr N. D. Sandelson (Feneral Piection: Mr N. D. Sandelson (1), 522 General Martion: Mr N. D. Sandelson (Lab), 20,391; Mr N. Balfour (C), 10,871; Mr C. Lyon (L), 6,536; Mi J. S. Falchurst (Not Front), 1,189, Lab majority, 9,420.

Island railway

Approval in principle of a plan for the revival of the rail way on Alderney, the only surviving standard gauge railway in the Channel Islands, was given at a meeting of the States of Alderney yesterday.

'Northern Echo' back after dispute

The Northern Echo, published at Darlington again yesterday after 116 issues had been lost because of the dis-pute over a journalists' closed shop, contained a leading shop, contained a article saying that most news-Papers saw danger in allowing a single organization to "govern all editorial staff.".

The newspaper, claimed to be the biggest selling provin-cial daily in England and Wales, was produced by four executives and a district reporter, a member of the Institute of Journalists. The 106 journalists employed by

worked as "telephone will resume publication next reporters" during the day on Thursday and switched to their production functions during the night.

The management says that it cannot improve on a "final offer" made to the NIII

The issue also contained a offer made to the NUJ report a column long on the members earlier this week attempts the management said (which was rejected) had been made to resolve the

North of England Newspapers
(Westminster Press Ltd) who
are members for the National
Union of Journalists remain
on strike.

The Northern Echo and the
Evening Despatch, which circulates over a smaller area, have
been able to resume production because the printers, who Issue no. 33,402 of a publication founded in 1870 comprised 20 pages and included 14 regional news reports supplied either by agencies or by the editorial executives who worked as "telephone will resume publication staffs."

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World's top circus artists show their paces

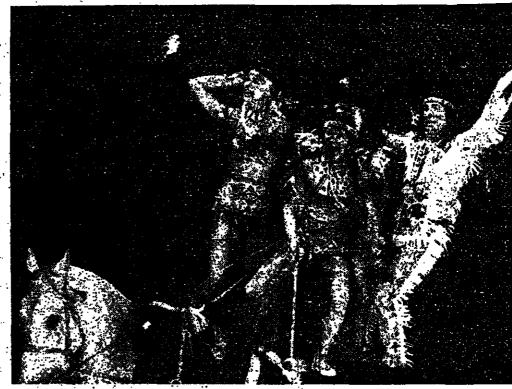
By Alan Hamilton Sergeant Major Philip Astley, late of the 15th Dragoons, knew a thing or two about show business. In 1768 he roped off a ring in a field near what is now Waterloo station, London, performed a few tricks of borse-manship, and invented the modern circus, even laying down its standard ring-diameter

Nothing basic has changed for the 1977 Circus World Championships, except that they have travelled five stops down the Northern Line to Claphan Common. There this week a select company of the world's leading horseman, tightrope walkers, trapeze artists, jugglers and strong men. have been excellent in dare-devilty before a panel of seasoned judges.

seasoned judges.

Acts are judged on content
and presentation, performers
being required to demonstrate
that they are able to accomplish
advanced and heart-stopping
feats, but not with such ease
or nonchalance that their danor nonchalance mat their tanger or difficulty is hidden.

Manfred Dovat, last year's world champion on the high wire, had a few shaky moments this week 60 feet above the ring, and Ivan Karl, the diminutive British contender for the ring, and tvan kart, the diminit-tive British contender for the strong man title, was knocked right off his petch by two men-with sledgehammers pounding a steel plate on his chest.



The Mohawk trick riders competing in a championship qualifying round.

held by this year's contenders. Greg Friel, of the Rocksmith Fliers trapeze troupe, last year became the first man to throw

a three-and-a-half somersault in England.

The Flying Ganeas are one of the few trapeze troupes to have turned four somersaults between leaving one bar and haing caught a parent for Tarrey. being caught on another. Terry Lemus, of the Flying Terrells, gained an entry in the Guinness Book of Records after she had completed 1,000 triple somer-

The record for the oldest performer taking part is held by Karl Wallenda, aged 72, who has seen five of his family killed in the circus ring. He has returned from America with a

Sergeant-Major Astley's invention is still in a surprisingly healthy state in Britain, in spite of the huge economic difficulties of taking a circus on tour. Mr Jimmy Chipperfield, chairman of this year's judges, said

touring now than at any time in giving performances.

the past 20 years. In London last month there were at one stage seven different circuses

The Big Top on Clapham Common, said to be the largest in Europe, has been attracting good crowds all week, but nevertheless the prime purpose in staging the championships, which were suggested by a television sports producer, appears to be to fill a slot on independ-

Travel firm offer £89 air return to New York

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent

Return flights from London to New York for £89 are to be sold next year by Airplan, a division of the south London company, Letchford Tours and Travel.

The fares will be available on flights leaving London on dates in April, May, June, September and October, with return flights on dates in February and March, 1979.

Mr George Clay, managing director of Airplan, said that the fare and one for £150 return to Los Angeles would suit retired people who wished to visit their families in North

America. From next year they could spend between five and 12 months with relatives for no more than the cost of an eight-

day holiday in Majorca.
Airplan customers will travel on Laker Airways wide-bodied DC10 airliners or Eoeing 707s. Laker Air Travel recently nounced similar fares to New York and Los Angeles for travellers prepared to stay at their destinations for long

periods. Jetsave, claiming to be the leading British travel operator across the North Atlantic, has also announced a return " pack-age" deal from London to New age" deal from London to New York for £179, including six nights' hotel accommodation.

Ordnance Survey maps to cost more

The Ordance Survey has announced the first changes in the price of its products for two years, to take effect today. There are increases of up to 30 per cent for most small-scale maps, but some prices are

Price changes for large-scale maps and services for professional users have been linked daring service and bave been

restructured to reflect more closely the costs of different forms of information and to remove anomalies. As a result, some prices in that range of products are down.

The most popular type of small-scale map, the 1:50,000 series, goes up by 22 per cent, from £1.15 to £1.40 for the folded version. Present stocks will be sold at the old prices. licences run, starting in January. There will be a 15 per cent increase in the basic royalty rate for publishers, also starting in January.

The changes have been made after Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, stated earlier this year that the Ordance Survey should gradually increase the proportion of Charges for copyright licences costs recovered through prices will be increased by 30 per cent and charges.

Lord Byers 'fully supports' Mr Steel over the pact

By Our Political Editor

Lord Byers, leader of the Liberal peers, yesterday ex-pressed his full support for Mr David Steel, the party leader, in his pursuit of the parliamentary pact with the Government. occasions in the past few days

being non-committal at a Liberal peers' meeting, it must be assumed that he was opposed tinuing the pact.

Lord Byers asserted that he made it clear on a number of He denied a report in The that he fully supported Mr

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The Pierre, New York (Gen. Manager, Henri Manasserro) and now...

The Hyde Park, London



Mr van Agt : taking over on Monday.

Dutch Cabinet

The right-of-centre Dutch

Government that is to be sworn in on Monday by Queen Juliana will have two Cabinet members who also served in

the outgoing left-of-centre gov-ernment of Mr Joop den Uyl,

They are Mr Andries van Agt.

the Prime Minr-designate, who was Minister of Justice, and Mr

Althous van der Stee, also a Christian Democrat, who retains the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. In all there

are 10 Christian Democrats in the Cabinet.

The youngest member of the

van Agt government is also the second highest ranking member. He is Mr Hans Wiegel, leader of the Liberal parliamentary group, who is to be Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Laterian He is 26

The important portfolio of finance goes to Mr Frans Andriessen, a Christian Democrat,

who was judged too conserva-tive by the Socialists to hold-this post. It was over his can-didature that talks finally broke down between the Socialists

and the Christian Democrats.

chief demanded

Police are said to have taken about 200 people into custody, many of whom had nothing to do with the demonstration. One

woman dragged into a police car is said to have been threatened with a pistol when

she screamed.

At the police barracks, physical violence is said to have been used as well as insults and either one or two reargas bombs were thrown into the gymnasium where the 200 people were being held. Teargas on the streets of Rome is no uncommon experience but it is

uncommon experience but it is easy to imagine its effects in

a crowded and enclosed space. The trade unions have issued

she screamed.

the Interior. He is 36.

the new Opposition leader.

Amsterdam, Dec 16

Two old faces in new

ious experience of ministerial

functions.

The new Minister of Social Affairs, Mr Willem Aldeda, a Christian Democrat, is in the odd position that he will have to defend next Thursday a Bill introduced in Parliament by his

predecessor Mr Jaap Boersma, which is opposed by the

Mr Boersma, who refused a post in the Cabiner, will join the seven left-wing Christian

Democrat dissidents in Parliament. This means the van Agr Government will be certain of only 69 votes in the 150-seat

Ther Government's policies should be clarified when it states its intentions before Par-

liament early in January. The pact on which the coalition is based is vague and will have to

filled in to a large extent the ministers themselves. The full Cabinet list is as

rior and Deputy Prime Minister: s Wicel, 76. igm: Christoph van de Klaauw, 63. nce: Roeler Kruistngg, 55. st Affairs: Villem Albeds, 52. nce: Franc Andrigeom, 48. nomic Affairs: Giljsbert van Ardonne.

Liberals

failows:

Mr Christoph van der Klaauw, a Liberal, will be Foreign Minister, He is a professional diplomat with no political experience.

None of the six Liberals in the new Cabinet has any pre-

Dismissal of Rome police

From Our Own Correspondent, Rome, Dec 16

The Socialists today called on the Italian Government to dismiss the Rome chief of police and punish members of the rior quad said to lawe used violence against young people rounded up during demonstrations last Monday.

The allegations are serious. Police are said to have taken

a statement protesting against There appears to be no doubt "grave acts of violence", that the fire was intentional. Young people addressing an The walk of the cinema were assembly at the university daubed with slogans of the yesterday claimed they could extreme right.

Sarbrücken, Dec 16.—A Müller, aged 22, and an accompoung German was sentenced to plice who has committed suicide life imprisonment here today were accused of letting their for kidnapping and murdering prisoner die of hunger and cold in October last year, Gernot after police were seen at the spot where DM2m (£500,000)

Life sentence for kidnap murder

The sudden removal of sports sponsorship by the tobacco companies, estimated at £7m a year, could have serious implications for many sports and would create particular difficulties for

the most expensive events. That warning is given in an Economist Imelligence Unit report on sponsorship. It mentions concern that sponsorship may increase professionalism, harming sport for leisure or

It predicts that as more companies study what they get for their money, the arts are likely to be a growing area, particu-larly with companies that seek a less extravagant alternative to

The growth of sponsorship, it says, "is likely to be leaner than in the halcyon days of the 1960s. Of the epast five years, three have seen sponsorship struggling under economic pressures, yet expenditure has grown to some £30m.". That total could grow to some

f45m over the next five years, the reporot says, adding "If the activities of Mr Packer should cause cricket sponsorship on this side of the globe to take on a new vitality, that figure might prove an underestimate, while if the tobacco companies' money were to be withdrawn abruptly, or the banking and insurance sector were to be nationalized. James's P a downward adjustment in the 1NT, E25).

this year was at least £1m and growing more quickly than in WEST EUROPE

Second blow

The political future of Herr

Georg Leber, the Defence Minister, looked increasingly un-

certain today after a second

blow in the wake of Monday's espionage scandal.

The Constitutional Court im-placity criticized the Social

Democrat Free Democrat Gov-

arily suspending one of its more important and controversial in-

novations: the right of con-

scripts in choose freely between military service and social

The court pointed out that by December 1 this year there were

130,000 supposed conscientious objectors waiting to do sociel service white the ministry had

only 11,000 vacancies.

The court's action, coming on top of the disclosure that photo-

secret ministry documents had apparently been passed to East. Germany, was seen by several newspapers as sealing Herr Leber's fate. Some even begun to speculate on a successor.

Herr Leber discussed the court's ruling and the espionage scandal with Herr Schmidt, the

Chancellor, last night, but a government spokesman denied today ther they had talked about

his resignation. A Defence Ministry spokesman said today

there was no basis to reports that the minister was about to

claimed today Herr Schmidt was unwilling to let Herr Leber resign before a Cabinet reshuffle which, it said, he planned to make early next

planted to make early next year.

It speculated that the supposed restuffle would be amnounced in an important government declaration on domestic, foreign and economic policy which Herr Schmidt has supposed that he will make an appropriate the supposed that the suppos

announced that he will make on

January 19. Herr Leber is regarded as a

good defence minister and is undoubtedly popular with the armed forces. But there have

been charges that he has been charges that he has become increasingly inaccessible and out of touch with the affairs of his ministry. Eyebrows have been raised at Herr Leber's own admission that he had not read the ministry's assessment of the damage done by the alleged spies and only

assessment of the damage done by the alleged spies and only learned of its magnitude through the press.

The parliamentary defence

committee has begun investigat-

ing the affair and is expected

to call witnesses, including Dr Kurt Rebmann, the federal prosecutor, who is heading legal investigations, early next

The Pope sends

Rome, Dec 16.—The Pope ordered a roving assignment in Lantin America today for Mgr Hilarion Capucci, the Greek Catholic Archbishop of Jerusalem, who spent three years in an Israeli jail out of a 12-year- sentence for smuggling guns to Palestinian guerrillas.

The Pope met briefly Mgr Capucci and the Melchite

Capucci and the Melchite Patriarch Maximos V Hakim of

Beirut, Mgr Capucci's immediate superior.

The Vatican announced that Mgr Capucci would be "visiting Greek Catholic Melchite com-

munities in several countries of Latin America".-UPI.

Mgr Capucci

to S America

right-wing Die Welt

to future

in Bonn

Boom, Dec 16

service.

From Patricia Clough

of minister

Tobacco companies, accounting for between a quarter and a third of known sponsorship expenditure, had discovered that spending money on sport had brought them almost as much blame as praise; Rothmans, for example, was winding down nearly all activities in that

Others had found that while they tended to be berated for reaching nine or ten million supporters through television coverage of their sponsored

coverage of their sponsored sporting events, there was no similar criticism when 800,000 people, including many children, travelled to the Pompeii exhibition, which Imperial Tobacco's sponsorship had made possible.

If the tobacco comnanies withdrew others were able or willing to sponsor sport on the same scale. The report says that in present economic circumstances the Government would be unlikely to make good would be unlikely to make good any significant part of the estimated £7m a year that came from the tobacco com-Sponsorship, EUI Special Report

No 41 (Economist Intelligence Unit Ltd. Spencer House, 27 St James's Place, London,

Wife cleared of

Elsa Bowden, a battered housewife, pushed a knife into her husband's stomach as he

was about to smash a broom over her head, it was stated at the Central Criminal Court

Mrs Bowden, aged 46, of Stanford Road, West Kensing-ton, London, was acquitted of the manslaughter of her bus-band, Alexander Bowden, aged 53.

£76,260 for supporter

Mr Ian Hosie, aged 43, of Arbroath, Tayside, a football supporter who was swept from

supporter who was swept from his feet and trampled by other supporters at a match, was awarded £76,260 at the Court of Session in Edinburgh vesterday against Arbroath Football Club.

manslaughter

In brief

Lead shot poisoning mute swans By a Staff Reporter

Lead poisoning in swans on some of Britain's most heavily fished waters has been attributed to lead weights discarded by careless angiers. Mr Alan Hout, of the veterinary investigation centre at Jourgalpropulation cation centre at Loughborough, Loicestershire, savs that investi-gation of 207 dead mute swans up to last August showed that 107 died from lead poisoning after they had swallowed lead shot used to weight lines.

shot used to weight lines.

Mr Hunt, writing in the bulletin of the British Trust for Ornithology, states that the condition has been reported most often from heavily fished stretches of the Nottinghamshire Trent and the Warwickshire Avon. Cases had also occurred on the river Soar in Leicester, the rivers Slea and Witham in Lincolnshire, on many lakes and gravel pits throughout the Midlands and at a fishing lake in Essex.

The bulletin says that while The bulletin says that while mute swans can suffer from

spectacular pollution from oil spills, pollution through lead poisoning "is far more insidi-ous, far longer lasting and even more unpleasant ".

PCs cleared of beating prisoner

Two policemen, Gary Burler and John Murby, were acquitted at Nottingham Crown Court yesterday of beating up a newly arrested prisoner.

The officers denied using any violence. PC Butler, aged 25. of Oakfield Road, Hucknall, Nottingham, and PC Murby, aged 34. of Ingram Road, Bulwell, Nottingham, had both pleaded not guilty to assault causing bodily harm.

14 pc bus fares rise

The Trent Bus Company, which operates throughout the East Midlands, has been given permission to put up fares by 14 per cent. Some passengers will have to pay an extra 30p a trip. Trent is still likely to make a £1m loss next year

to reopen for new admissions on Monday. Six-day speaking analysis

of Scotland Bill debate

Parliamentary Correspondent

An analysis of MPs' participation in the first six days of the committee stage of the Scot-land Bill has been compiled by research assistants on behalf of Mr Maurice Macmillan, Conser-Mr Macmillan said that the number of Labour back-benchers atterling the debates had been "derisory", indicat-ing their true dislike of the

measure. More than a third of the contributions from the Labour benche, had come from committed auti-devolutionists, with Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for West Lothian, the most prolitic contributor, with 23 speeches and 69 interventions. Yet Conservative support for the debutes, with only 38 MPs taking part, can scarcely be des-cribed as enthusiastic. The somewhat better attendance on the Tory side can be accounted for largely by the fact that

debated came from opposition The only party to have given its all with a total spe_king con-tribution was the Scottish National Perty.

most of the amendments being

The following numbers of speeches (with simple interventions in parenthesis) exclude puints of order: C. 117 (171): Lab, 79 (144); L. 10 (29); SNP, 13 (35); Scot Lab, 4 (10); and UU 8 (9).

C, 13.4; Lab. 7.7; L. 38.5; SNP, 100; Scot Lab, 50; and UU. 10.

The following is an analysis of the number of speeches (with interventions in parentheses) made by each participating MP. Conservatives: Mr Pym 7 (5); Mr Brittan 10 (20); Mr Fletcher 6 (6); Mr Younger 2 (3): Mr E. Taylor 5 (19); Mr M Macmillan 3 (4); Mr Griffiths 5 (11); Mr Raison 6 (14); Mr Gow 6 (11): Mr Raison 6 (14); Mr Gow 6 (11): Mr R. G. Page 6 (11); Mr Spront 10 (5); Mr Budgen 4 (5): Mr Gardiater 3 (0); Mr Renton 2 (1); Mr Cormack 1 (3); Mr Benyon 5 (2): Mr Wlaterton — (1): Mr Rathbone 1 (3); Mr Galbraith 1 (7); Mr Grieve 1 (4); Mr Rees 0 (1); Mr Monro 3 (0); Mr Fairbairn 3 (5); Mr D. Price 3 (6); Sir D Renton 2 (4): Mr Stokes 3 (1); Mr R. R. James 2 (0); Mrs Knight 1 (1); Sir J. Gilmour 1 (2); Mr King 0 (1); Mr Gark-Hutchinson 0 (11); Mr Motrison 3 (1); Mr Crouch 1 (0); Mr Knox 1 (0); Mr Riffithd 4 (9); Mr Bucharlan-Smith 4 (2): Mr Stombrook 1 (0); Mr Krishaw 1 (2). Labour: Mr J. Smith, 21 (17); Mr Ewing, 5 (3); Dr Miller, 2 (5); Mr Ross, 2 (0); Mr Small, 5 (3); Mr Robert Hughes, 1 (5); Mr Bennett, 2 (1); Mr Ogden, 3 (1); Mr Bennett, 2 (1); Mr Ogden, 3 (1); Mr Grimond 4 (1); Mr Stokel 1 (2); Mr Scover, 1 (2); Mr Lee, 0 (2); Mr Gowley, 1 (2); Mr Lee, 0 (3); Mr Grimond 4 (1); Mr Smell 1 (3); Mr Grimond 4 (1); Those purty contributions represented as percentages of the total committee stage debate were:

C. 50.7; Lab. 34.2; L. 4.3; SNP, 5.6; Scot Lab, 1.7; UU, cach party, represented as per-centages of their total Commons strength, were:

Municipal busmen have overwhelmingly accepted pay rises next month of 10 per cent.

Bus pay rise agreed

giving basic rates ranging from £33.66 a week for conductors to £42.98 for one-man, double-tieck bus operators. The Department of Employment must approve Better trains A refurbishing programme on

electric trains used on British Rail's main-line services in Kent and on boat trains to Dover and Folkestone will begin in August next year. New seating and improved heating and lighting will be installed.

Decree granted

A decree of divorce on the ground of adultery was granted in the Court of Session in Edinburgh yesterday to Lady Burton, of Tranent, Lothian, against Lord Burton, of Dochfour, Highland.

C, 13.4; Lab. 7.7; L. 38.5; SNP, 100; Scot Lab, 50; and UU.

Scottish Labour: Mr Sillars 4 (10). Ulster Unionist: Mr Powell 6

Hospital to reopen Director held Mill Road Maternity Hospital, Cambridge, where three babies in a special care unit died recently of a virus infection, is for 'insult' to army in play.

Madrid, Dec 16.—A well-known Spanish theatre director has been arrested on Army orders for staging a play, La Torna, said to contain insults against the armed forces, Cifra, the Spanish news agency, said today.

Capucci

today.
Señor Albert Boadella, director and chief of the Catalonian theatre group Els Joglars (The Players), is being held in a Barcelona prison after questioning by a military judge.

Several small bombs exploded inside one of Madrid's biggest department stores after it closed last night, damaging a furniture display, police said. A guerrilla movement fighting for the independence of the Canary Islands claimed respon-sibility.—UPI, AP and Reuter.

Snow blocks passes

Berne, Dec 16.—Snow has Egolf, the son of a wealthy West spot where DM2m (£500,000) blocked 12 Alpine passes and German brewer. The defendant, Joachim Peter paid.—Agence France-Presse.

Giscard plea for rural support

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Dec 16

President Giscard D'Estaing apealed today from the heart of the Norman countryside for the support of "deep, rural France" in his attempt to "lead the country to justice and progress". He was speaking to an enthusiastic audience of several thousand people in a huge tent set up for the purpose in the sports ground of the small township of Vassy, near Vire.

The averdence of several was a more which does not keep France to the institutions of the common agricultural machine to the institutions of the common agricultural machines and the benefits authority of the institutions of the common agricultural machines and the benefits authority of the institutions of the common agricultural machines. He called for the suppression of "those customs barriers of a new type called compensatory payments" and said the time population which often feels it has been let down by a government of the institutions of the common agricultural machines. He called for the suppression of "those customs barriers of a new type called compensatory payments" and said the time population which often feels it has been let down by a government of the institutions of the common agricultural machines. He called for the suppression of the common agricultural machines, the quality of the institutions of the common agricultural machines. He called for the suppression of the common agricultural machines, the property of the institutions of the common agricultural machines. thousand people in a huge tent set up for the purpose in the sports ground of the small town-ship of Vassy, near Vire. The president's speech was a

prelude to his reentry into the domestic political scene in the election campaign, after a deli-berate abstention of many months. But he stopped short of

descending into the political erena, and remained about from party controversies, and con-flicts. His speech was largely devoted to the present and devoted to the present and and social parity with other future of agriculture.

He said that during the past

The reasons were the Govern-

ment which does not keep its promises to the farmers on prices, income and security. He said French agriculture had undergone profound change.

"Twenty years ago, it was regarded as a burden to the country, condemned to subsistence and protectionism." Today, it had achieved economic

and that the rumour, combined with the tension imposed by long hours on duty, accounted for their adleged behaviour.

A report has gone to the Ministry of the Interior, but as yet no official version of what occurred has been made public. The declared aim of the demonstration was to mark the

demonstration was to mark the eighth anniversary of the bombing in Milan on December 12, 1969, which was the start of postwar political terrorism in

Italy.

Late last night a Rome

cinema giving a season of Soviet films was set on fire immediately after the last show-ing. Serious damage was caused.

largely on agricultural imports for its food. The domestic market must be reconquered.
"Agriculture must be our oil. Farm products are our only raw material."

Agriculture must expand its production and productivity.

France must switch from a farm to a food policy. A thundering ovation greeted the end of the speech, followed by rythmic shouts of "GisOVERSEAS.

Rhodesia general says raid killed many of guerrillas' leaders

From Nicholas Ashford Salisbury, Dec 15

Rhodesia's hig raid into Mozambique at the end of last month eliminated a part of the leadership of the Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army (Zanla), the guerrilla force belonging to Mr Robert Mugabe's wing of the Patriotic Propri arcarding to Lieutenant-Front, according to Lieutenant-General Peter Walls, the Rho-desian commander of combined

The two main guerrida com-The two main guertals commanders, Mr Josiah Tongogara and Mr Rex Nhongo, escaped death. "It was bad luck that Nhongo and Tongogara had gone off to a meeting exewhere", General Walls said in where ", General Walts sad In his first public comment on the raid in an interview with me. "But I was not going to post-pone the raid in the hope that they might return. Although we did not get those two top chaps we got a held of a lot of their leadership." According to an official Rho-

According to an official knodesian communique released at the time, at least 1,200 "terrorists" were killed during the anacks on Zanka's political and military command headquarters at Chimoio, east of limial, and the provincial command and training base cann at Tembre. training base camp at Tembue, deep inside Mozambique's Tete deep inside Mozambique's Tete province. General Walls thinks this figure could be on the conservative side, but stated that the main aim of the attack was not just to kill "terts".

"Killing terrorists was but one of the tasks I gave the chaps when I gave the order for the strike", he added. The main provinties were to strike at the

chaps when I gave me order for the strike ", he added. The main priorities were to strike at the Zanla hierarchy, gather intelligence and disrupt the guerrillas' logistics. In his view the operation succeeded in all these objectives.

However, General Walls is the first to admit that the attack has only caused a temporary setback for the guerrillas. "There are still an awful lot of terrorists left, both belooging to Zanka and Zipra (the army belonging m the other wing of the Patriotic Pront led by Mr Joshua Nkomo). We destroyed a lot of them but there are still a hell of a lot left and they have got a lot of weapons."

lot of weapons."

The Chamoio and Tembue raids were part of a pattern of preemptive attacks which the Rhodeslaus have been carrying out egainst external guerrala bases in recent years. General Walls made it plain that they would carry out further raids if necessary. We are fighting for the existence of lew and order here and you cannot just sit back and let bases like that

exist. Yes, we will continue to operate behind enemy lines." He emphasized, however, that Rhodesia had no quarrel with the local Mozambican popula-tion or with the Frelima Army "except when they start mor-taring our tea estates". But if Frelimo "got in the way then it was tough luck on them. Normally they don't. They seem

Similarly, if there were women in the camps "then we just have to accept that we might kill some women." It was tough luck for them, also.

General Walls took over as Rhodesia's head of defence earlier this year, having pre-viously been Commander of the Army. He is very much a soldier's soldier and is re-spected by the white and black troops who serve under him. He is also widely admired by the civilian population because his good humour, unassuming manner and acknowledged courage are the sorts of qualities which they like to regard as being typically Rhodesian. He is not, however, liked by the guerrillas who have threatened to string him up from the nearest tree if they take over. General Walls sees it as his duty to prevent that happening, unless it takes place

by constitutional means,
General Walls started his
military career in Rhodesia and
went on to Sandhurst and developed much of his present counter-insurgency expertise during two years with the British Army during the Malayan emergency. The Rhodesian system of placing the head appropriation in "propreced local population in "protected villages", for example, is based very much on British practice in Malaya. One of the main aspects of

One of the main aspects of counter-insurgency operations which General Walls said he learnt during that period was the need to win the local population on to the side of the security forces. "You cannot win a war like this purely through military means. The military is merely there to military is merely there to maiotain law and order and provide a conducive atmosphere

or political development."
It is for this reason that he strongly rejects suggestions that the Rhodesian security forces mancion torture or act in an unnecessarily brutal manner. "Any sadistic action is com-pletely counter-productive and destroys exactly what we are trying to do. If a soldier or policeman steps over the line then he will get hammered."
Looking to the future, General Walls said he believed the nationalist leaders at present engaged in settlement talks with the Rhodesian Government with the Rhodesian Government increasingly realized the need for a future government of an independent state to retain the security forces more or less as they are at present. They all know, even the Patriotic Front, that the best way of maintaining a stable country is to have good security forces which are loval to the state and not to any political faction."

He pointed out that there was already a fair degree of racial integration in the armed forces, 32 per cent of the regular army As for himself, he has already tried to retire twice and now, at the age of 51, might welcome a less demanding job once the war is ended. But to keep themselves separate if the constitutional authority a car driven by Sir Tei Abel in They don't seem to like our was to ask me to do something Port Morseby last month.—terrorists."

Bankers say New York needs much longer loan

Washington Dec 16.—The American Government's special oan programme to New York City is due to end next summer, but congressional hearings today have shown that everyone closely involved in trying to put New York on a secure financial footing believes the city must be helped for several more véars.

Several chairmen of largest banks in New York today asked Congress to support an extension of the Government's lending programme. Mr ment's lending programme. Mr
Gabriel Hauga, chairman of the
Manufacturers Hanover Trust
Bank, said the city might be
able to raise a small amount
of money in the bond market
by next summer, but it would
take considerably longer before
there was broad public acceptance of the city's securities.
Mr Ellmore Patterson, chair-

Mr Elimore Patterson, chair-man of the Morgan Guaranty Trust Bank, told the Senate banking committee: "I see no way for the city to make it without the continued help of credit facilities from the federai Government. Mr Alfred Brittain, chair-

man of the Bankers Trust Com-pany, said a five-year extension of the loan programme was needed and Mr Norborne Berkeley, president of the Chemical Bank, thought a three-year extension at least was essential. The bankers and New York's

politicians may disagree on details, but they all agree on the need for continued help from Washington. The city's recent failure to achieve more than an extremely poor rating from the bond market credit agencies has only served to strengthen the impression that New York still has a long way to go before its financial health has been adequately restured has been adequately restored.

It seems likely that the Administration will support an extension of Government assistance, although it could be assistance in a new and more permanent form. The Administration is at present contem-plating the establishment of an urban development bank to help the nation's ailing ciries. It is most unlikely that either Congress or the Administration will take any decision on this matter until Mr Koch, the city's new Mayor, has been firmly installed in office and has had a chance to outline his own

Papua politician on death charge

Port Morseby, Dec 16.—Sir Tei Abal, leader of Papua New Guinea's parliamentary opposi-tion, was committed for trial today on a charge of manslaughter. He was sent for trial after a

coroner's inquest into the death of a young policeman whose mortocycle was in collision with

Reporters find Thai jail for women congenial

Nurse cries while talking of appeal

From Neil KellyBangkok, Dec 16

Fears in Britain for Miss
Rita Nightingale, the jailed nurse from Lancashire, prompted Thailand to open its women's prison in Bangkok today to the press. Miss Nightingale was sentenced a week ago to 20 years' imprisonment for attempted drug smuggling.

Today's escouted tour of the prison suggested that her family need not worty unduly about her. Foreign correspondents found it the most congenial prison they had ever seen.

Foreign television cameramen workshops at ground level and there is no space to spare when they spread their sleeping mats

need not worry unduly about her. Foreign correspondents found it the most congenial prison they had ever seen.

Foreign television cameramen were refused admission but distinct to film inside the prison without restriction.

Correspondents were able to the prison bakery. She was cheerful but cried a little as she spoke about her decision to appeal against her decision to appeal against her and some state of the prison obviously had a speen shelved. Mrs

except for saying that she liness at could not ear prison food but. The prisoners foreign prisoners. Mr Thawee Choosep, the director general aged from the Corrections Department, and a line of the Corrections Department. admitted that the food was probably not very good for foreigners.

He believed Miss Nightingale, who is 24, would serve 10 years

at the most. Foreigners, he said, were given more privileges than Thai ones. They could send and

a highly nutritious variety was on the boil and fresh-looking green vegetables were prepared. The prison obviously had been polished for the occasion. or four months.

She had no complaints today hevertheless a regime of clean-except for saying that she liness and care was apparent.

The prisoners wear their own

In a nursery, 20 children, agad from one week to three and a half years, were being cared for by their mothers. There was a school for prisoners who could not read or

The six foreign women in the prison, all there for drug offences, appeared in good bestelves.

This ones. They could send and receive more or less unlimited numbers of letters, have more visitors, and could cook their own food which they bought themselves.

Sun streamed into the any room where Miss Nightingale was beating a mixture for a Miss Holly Hislop, a 25-year-old Canadian, said: "Conditions are OK. My time here has belied me." She will be out in March after serving almost four years of her 10-year sentence, her term being reduced by various amnesties.

Plea shelved: The move to have Miss Nightingale deported to England has been shelved. Mrs Barbara Castle, Labour MP for Blackbury, Miss Nightingale's home town, said after talks with Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, "Rita's decision to appeal completely changes the situation. It would be quite wrong of the British Government or anyone else to attempt—or even

cone else to attempt—or even appear to be attempting—to interfere with the judicial processes of Thailand.

"Obviously we hope the appeal is successful and the Foreign Secretary has agreed to see the agree of the secretary has agreed to see the agree of the secretary has agreed to see the agree of the secretary has agreed to see the agree of the secretary has agreed to see the agree of the secretary has agreed to see the agree of the secretary has agreed to see the agree of the secretary has agreed to see the agree of the secretary has agreed to see the secretary has agreed to secretary has

see me again as soon as the verdict is known." A fund has been set up at the Albion Hotel, Blackburn, by friends of Miss Nightingale's widowed mother, to provide money for food and other comforts in prices

Story of Kennedy 'hush money' falls flat

inaugustrion to persuade her to Times columnist, who used to

Washington, Dec 6

The curious case of the alleged payment of \$500,000 in "hush money" by the Kennedy family in 1961 has provoked little conment so far. Further details will doubtless emerge with time.

It is said that Mr Robert Kennedy, then Artorney General-designate, paid the money to a woman who was suing John F. Kennedy during the interval between his election to the presidency and his william Safire, The New York:

In augusardon to persuade her to drop the suit.

The woman had allegedly by Mr Kennedy 10 years earlier. She later may be made the second time to the singer sewing machine fortune, who died 13 days later leaving his millions to her. She is now Mrs Alicia Corning Clerk and American newspapers have been unable to find her.

The story was extracted from the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the Freedom Mr Hoover to Mr Robert Kennedy during the interval between his election to the presidency and his drop the suit.

The woman had allegedly Nixon and has a sharp eye for Democratic cover-ups.

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The files he wanted were private ones kept by the late Mr J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of the Federal Bureau of the Story was simply passing on an unproved allegation or whether he believed in it. Breach of promise is not actionable in the United States.

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the Government to give any under-takings about a specific target date for direct elections to the European Parliament, Mr. Frank Judd. Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said after announcing forthcoming EEC business. As the House had exercised its

right to choose the first past the post system, the Government had complications which they would have to work out and evaluate. Mr Judd (Portsmouth, North, Lab) Mr Judd (Portsmouth, North, Lab) said that at present four Council of Ministers' meetings were proposed for Jamary. Fisheries ministers will meet the said on Jamary 16 and possibly 17, finance ministers possibly on the 17th, and agriculture ministers on the 17th, and agriculture ministers will countrie.

Mr Robert Sheldon, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, in a written reply, said: Some 2,500,000 taxpayers with building society mortgages will not have received a tax repayment when their PAYE codes were increased to take account of the latest increases in personal allowances.

personal allowances.

This was because their codes were reduced last September as non-complative basis to take account of reductions in the rate of interest paid to building societies.

societies.

Most of these taxpayers will be entitled to a repayment (ie the reduction in tax from the personal allowances increases will be more than the amount of tax underpaid from the reductions in mortgage interest) and tax offices will examine this when doing the review of codes for 1978-79.

As soon as a tax office finds that a repayment is due, the taxpayer will be put back on the normal basis for PAYE so the employer can make it.

The review should be completed by about February but most of

Foreign unhisters will consider relations with Spain, Cyprus, Turkey and Yugoslavia; the enlargement of the Community and the GATT multilateral trade negotiations. They will also probably consider Ruramm/United ably consider Euramm/United States relations, in the light of the new United States nuclear export and non-proliferation legislation resulting from President

Agricultural ministers will resome their discussion on common agricultural policy price proposals for 1978-79; and agricultural monetary questions. They may also give further consideration to

Mr Douglas Hard, Opposition spokesman on Europe (Mid-Oxon, C)—When does Mr Judd think the foreign ministers will want to decide the question of direct elections? Will the British minister, in the light of the vote in this House last week, give his colleagues an undertaking that provided there is the political will to provide parliamentary time it to provide parliamentary time it will be possible to hold elections in this country during the course of next year if that is what the Community decides?

Mr Judd—The Government have made plain both in this House and at meetings of the Council of Ministers the difficulties which we would face if the House decided to go for the first-past-the-post Carter's statement on April 7. I am certain that at forth-

ion meetings, because this

It would be rash at this stage to give undertakings about speci-fic target dates because we believed if we were going to meet the target date, it would have to be a regional list system. The House has exercised its right to choose the other system and, therefore, we have complications which we will have to work out and evaluate.

Mr Alan Beith (Berwick upon Tweed, L)—It would help if the Foreign Secretary (Dr Owen) took someone from the Conservative From Bench to Brussels in order to explain why they voted to ensure there will not be any direct elections next year. Mr Judd—That is not for me to deal with.

Repayment Call for registration of tax to of acupuncturists mortgage holders

debate referred to acupuncturists and control of their premises. He said that in his constitu-

ency there had been a serious outbreak of viral hepatitis B which had been traced to an acupuncturist using an infected needle. To date 35 cases had been confirmed. The disease could cause cancer of

The practitioner concerned had his surgery in his front living room and a mattress on the floor served as a couch. No wash basin was in the room and the general state of cleanliness of the surgery left much to be desired.

The difficulties of the medical authorities, when they moved in when the outbreak was discovered,

There was urgent need for the Government to deal with the problem. There should be some control over non-qualified acupuncturists and some check on how many there were in the country.

The Government should legislate for the health and safety of the public and not leave it to local authorities to decide whether or not to do something about the

who had wanted to make impor-rant contributions—the Highlands and Islands and local authorities

in certain areas who perhaps ought to have made their contributions early. It would not have been right to reject them.

He understood the amlety that the waiting period had produced. He was sorry there had been this alippage but the consultation period was now over.

Ministers were studying a draft White Paper and he had every reason to believe it would, he hoped, be published in January.

The outbreak of hepatitis in Birmingham should be taken as a Mr Alfred Morris, Under Secre

tary for Health and Social Security, said that he and his department were deeply concerned at the outbreak. Between May and October. 36 cases had been reported in Birmingham and attributed to

He did not believe that intro-duction of legislation requiring the registration of acupuncturists would, by itself, remove the risk.

It was not only acupuncture which, when practised unhygienically, would cause hepatits, but ear piercing and tattooling. He hoped that would be widely noted, especialy among young people.

The acupuncturists' association could apply for the Professions Supplementary to Medicines Act to be extended to cover them and the procedure for doing so had been explained to the association.

High intensity

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Contents of files on Commission

problem. It was not easy for local authorities to acquire the byelaws they needed. The existing legisla-tion must be activated and the

its committees to look further in-Commission officials.

on the Rules of Procedures and Petitions that it was necessary that the Commission guarantee

The committee had examined a petition from members of the staff committee which asked the European Parliament to ensure that no reference to political, philosophical or religious views was contained in files of officials or other

The petition, in November, 1976, had stated that the Commission had asked its British, Danish and Irish staff to complete a personal questionnaire concerning their

Mme Marie-Therese Goutmann (France, Comm) said the ques-tions were an attack on human liberty, and a deliberate infringement of the guarantees and fun-damental principles of democracy. It was undeniable that such in-quiries were being carried out. Mr John Horam, Under-Secretary for Transport, said in a written

Mr Tam Dalyell (West Lothian, Lab) said this issue raised the question of whether the Com-munity should be responsible for Euratom. Mr John Prescott (Kingston-upon

ticularly parliamentarians. MPs had the role of guaranteeing and protecting the freedom of individuals in the Community.

at the proposition again.
political groups could disc . M Francois-Xavier Ortoli, for the

Commission, said there was the Commission, said there was the need to preserve secrecy and the freedom of liberty. The commission used national questionnaires. It did not have, nor wish to have, a police force, never, since 1958 when the system was introduced for Euratom, had any case been brought before the Court of

Parliament passed a resolution which asked the council of ministers to submit proposals as soon as possible for direct elections to the European Parliament.

zations in the Department of Employment Group.

Powers already existed for in-spection of premises and, if necessary, for prosecution of those who practised their professions in a manner which was a threat to health. There were many, includ-ing MPs, who believed that acu-puncture, properly practised, had much to offer.

The acupuncturists' association

White Paper on airports

strategy out in January

Mr Clinton Davis, Under-Secretary for Trade (Hackney, Central, Lab) in reply to an adjournment debate on Liverpool airport initiated by Mr Anthony Steen (Liverpool, Wavertree, C) said he hoped the White Peper on a national airport strategy would be published in Jamary.

The Government had had a choice between imposing a policy from Whitehall or allowing everybody to offer a view about a national airport strategy to change the chaotic situation of Britain's attorned in the water of the water of

House adjourned 4.2 pm until Employment of disabled in public sector

The latest figures for the employment of disabled people in the public sector showed a further decline and gave continued cause for concern, Mr John Grant, Under Secretary for Employment, stated in a written reply to Mr George Rodgers (Shorley, Lab). Mr Grant added: It is only right for me to emphasize, however, that they relate only to those disabled employees who have registered. Registration is volumeary and we know that there are many disabled people in employment.

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Mr Grant said that other initiatives have assured me that they would of their utmost to increase the numbers of disabled people in their employment.

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Mr Grant said that other initiatives had been taken by the Civil Service Department and other departments. The Manpower Services Commission had also recently drawn up a development pro-

people over the next five to 10 years. The programme would be published in the new year. I believe that the combined

regulate the construction, position and use of such lamps when fitted

to both new and existing vehicles. Interested bodies will be consulted early in 1978 with a view to enact-ment of regulations later in the

It is proposed to make the regulations effective from October,

Nevertheless, I propose to write again to my ministerial colleagues about what more might be done in the areas for which they have responsibility and I shall also be writing to the chairmen of organizations in the Department of

officials

to personal questionnaires which It was told by its Committee

freedom of opinion of its officials. The committee said it understood antee the trustworthiness of a limited number of officials work-ing with highly confidential documents, but stressed that the ques-tionnaires of national authorities should not constitute separate files which could influence

political views.

reply that it was intended to make regulations requiring that all new vehicles, subject to certain exceptions, should be fitted with at least one high intensity rear fog

It would be better if Parliament did not express its opinion today but asked the committee to look

Mr Russell Johnston (Inverness, L) who proposed the resolution, said that it was clear that the elections would be delayed following the decision of the House of Commons on Tuesday. History would judge it a sorry decision.

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to disclose the fact.

The point has been made by chairmen of nadonalized industries

Queen's Bench Division

factor. Any passage of time when the applicant was in the hills had to be excluded. That still left some-thing like 2! years' passage of time to be considered.

Mr Woolf sought to persuade the court that, although delay of 2½ years was substantial, it was not to be regarded as blameworthy

because the situation in Cyprus was unusual and delicate, and all sorts of sensitive elements were present.

Cypriot must return to face murder charge

ville Prison, Ex parte Kakis Before Lord Widnery, Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce and Mr Justice Park

him".
Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, and
Mr Leonard Kershaw for the appli-cant; Mr Michael Neligan for the
Government of the Republic of
Cyprus; Mr Harry Woolf as

pointial organizations in Cyprus. There was obviously bad blood between the organizations. On April 5, 1973, Fotion was shot in the streets. After an immediate lavestigation warrants were essued for, inter alios, the applicant.

The applicant, who knew that the warrant had been issued, took to the hills. Not until July,

1974, when there was a coup which led to a change of government did the applicant find it possible to come out of hiding and mix normwith the island inhabitants. any with the Island inhabitants. But he soon formed the opinion that he would like to bve in England, and on September 9, 1974. be left Cyprus with an exit permit authorized by the appropriate

notwinstanting that the warrant was still in existence.

He had since virtually stayed in London. He went back to Cyprus on what seemed to have been a holiday. Nobody prevented him from entering or leaving. In July, 1975, he was back in England preparing to stay permanently. nemy.

In July, 1975, there was an inquest in Cyprus into the causes of Georghios Fotiou's death and a further warrant was issued in re-

para 217) said that "There is no exhaustive definition of 'an offence of a political character'. The crime must be incidental to and form part of a political upbeaval, committed by the fugitive offender as part of an organized political party contending for power with the established government." That correctly expressed the law. ressed the law.

His Lordship could find nothconclusion that the offence was the authorities summarized in

Haisoury.

En passant reference had been made to the onus of proof, but nothing had been said about it which could not be said about almost any other form of litigation in this country. The court had to survey the whole of the material provided, and Mr Blom-Cooper's first proposition failed.

The second major question arose under section 8. The deputy Attorney General of Cyprus had deposed that, from April, 1973, to July, 1974, the applicant was in hidding and could not be found. From July, 1974, to February 11, 1976, the Attorney General of Cyprus considered that it would not be in the public interest to begin proceedings against the applicant because the abnormal situation prevailing in Cyprus, as a result of the coup and the Turkish invasion, did not at that time permit prosecution of Turkish invasion, did not at that time permit prosecution of persons who had participated in the coup, such as the applicant, for any offence committed before the coup. That attitude was dictated by the need for pacification pending the healing of the wounds caused by the coup and the invasion and until the complete dismanting of any remaining dismanting of any remaining group of participants in the coup. What section 8(3) contemplated was passage of time rather than delay. Passage of time was not to be regarded as a bar to the return of a person unless it would.

having regard to all the circum-stances, be unjust or oppressive to return him.

R v Governor of Pentonville Prison, Ex parte Narang ([1977] 2 WLR 862) was belpful because it indicated the extent to which

His Lordship thought that the deputy Attorney General's affidavit should be accepted as being an illumination of the particular factor causing the passage of time. It was impossible in the face of what had been said about the difficulties in bringing proceedings earlier for their Lordships to say that the order of return should be refused by virtue of section 8. of section 8. Once that conclusion was reached, there was nothing left in the case and the application should be refused.

Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce and Mr Justice Park agreed. An application for leave to appeal to the House of Lords was

Solicitors: Munds, Stibbs & Co, Rickmansworth; Charles Russell & Co, Treasury Solicitor.

Comparability of jobs Macarthys Ltd v Smith

A person claiming under the Equal Pay Act, 1970, is entitled to compare her situation with that of a former employee, the Employment Appeal Tribunal said when dismissing an appeal by Macarthys Ltd, of Romford, Essex, from a decision of a London industrial tribunal that Mrs Wendy Smith a stockroom was Wendy Smith, a stockroom man-ageress, was entitled to pay equal to that of the previous manager stockroom, Mr of the McCullough.

MR JUSTICE PHILLIPS said that Mr McCallough left his job on October 20, 1975. Mrs Smith became trainee manageress on J. 11121 1276, and manageress on March 1, 1976.

The Appeal Tribunal took the

view that it was permissible to construe the Act so as to allow a comparison of Mrs Smith's situation with that of a former employee. That would be in accordance with the Appeal Tribunal's settled approach to the Act—construing and applying it so that it would work in practice. In any case except one where the interval between the employ-ments was short an industrial tribunal confronted with such a claim should proceed with caution. The ordinary case, and canon. The ordinary case, and the case in which in the Appeal. Tribunal's judgment justified giving the Act a liberal construction, was that where shortly after one employee left another came, did the same work but was renunerated at a lower rate. Leave to appeal was granted.

THE STREET, ST

Thick smoke rises in a black pall above the blazing supertanker Venoil off Cape St Francis.

Pollution menace after supertankers collide

was tonight drifting ablaze and abandoned 20 miles off the South African coast. Salvage tugs were racing to the scene to try to avert what could end in a unprecedented pollution fully-laden Liberian-red Venoil (330,954

registered Venotl (330,954 tons) bound for Europe, collided earlier today in thick fog with her empty sister ship, Venpet (330,869 tons) bound for the Gulf, 25 miles off the coast near Port Elizabeth.

The Venotl struck the Venpet terrheard near the stern Both tons of the coast near the stern Both tons of the Venotl was drifting "completely out of hand". The deep pletely out of hand "The deep seasily age tug, Wolraad Woltender and based at Cape Town and near Port Elizabeth.
The Venoil struck the Venpet starboard near the stern. Both ships caught fire and the Venoil was abandoned within half an hour by her Taiwan crew. Two members of the Venper's crew

The National Institutes of heredity of all life.)
Health (the United States Government's main agency for the conduct and support of biometrical recombinant DNA work at 110 institutions. Such research

dical research) have for the embraces experimental techni-first time ordered a laboratory ques that have been a subject

to halt gene-splicing research supported by a federal grant because of a procedural violation of the rules governing such studies.

A spokesman for the agency and might lead to deliberate manipulation of heredity in ways the critics consider improved that the violation of the control of the second of the critics consider improved that the violation of the critics consider improved the critical control of the cr

A spokesman for the agency said yesterday that the violation did not involve any known safety rules or laboratory procedures. The action involved a laboratory at Harvard Medical School where recombinant DNA research, popularly

NBC signs

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From Our Own Correspondent

vice-president for programmes,

said that Mr Frost would be

contracted to the company for

three years, and next May would begin a series of six

one-hour current affairs pro-

David Frost has not been

seen on American television

since his interviews with President Nixon earlier this

year. "It's been a while since the Nixon interviews, where he made a big splash," Mr Klein said, "and people are anxious to see him again."

The programmes will be broadcast live, and will contain "action profiles, interviews, and the whole cross-section" of current affairs' reporting. Although the project is experimental, NBC must consider allower and contains the contains allower and contains a livest and contains and contains a livest and contains a live and c

sider almost any risk worth taking to restore its position

For some years NBC vied for top network with the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), and

the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) was some way behind. Now ABC is the leading

network and NBC is trailing

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to will challenge Anatoly arpov for the world champion-

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but later it was said that all 84 seamen were rescued.

An explosion after the collision was felt in the holiday resort of Plettenberg Bay, 27 miles away. But teeh assistant port captain of Port Elizabeth, Mr Ian Simpson, who is coordinating salvage efforts, said tonight that the fires were confined to bunker oil and the Venoil's cargo had not yet been affected.

made, based at Cape Town and one of the most powerful of its type in the world, was expected to reach the area early tomortype in the world, was expected to reach the area early tomorrow.

An oil slick three miles long the area, the Barnaby and Chevron, offered assistance but

Harvard told to halt gene-splicing

Bethesda, Maryland, Dec 16. fore the key chemical in the The specific procedural viothe National Institutes of heredity of all life.) knion made known yesterday.

Realth (the United States Gov. The agency supports with was Hervard's failure to get an funds more than 250 projects approved memorandum of

Many scientists consider the

techniques extremely useful as a tool for learning more about

the chemistry of generics and possibly for developing impor-tant medicinal drugs and cop-

ing parallel to the coast.

A belicopter from an oil rig
was the first to reach the
stricken ships. It howeved a to safety.

Mr Geoffrey Frielinghaus,
commander of the Plettenberg
Bay sea rescue unit, said
tonight that the helicopter

pilot, Mr Buddy Mockford, was a "very brave man", who flew right down into the flames to pick up survivors. "It was a miracle they didn't all die", The Helicopter landed the men aboard the tanker Jedforest which is expected to put them ashore at Cape Town tomorrow. Other survivors were on board

imdensianding and agreement concerning the laboratory's experiments before the work actually began. The reason is

unknown.

The violation came to light

were warned to keep clear because of the danger that the two tankers would blow up without warning. British help: A P & O spokesman in London said the group's 155,000-ton oil-bulk carrier, Jet Forest picked up 38 crew members from the supertankers all Chinese, who had leapt over board. Our Business News Staff writes

With each of the tankers valued at \$28m (about fism), the collision is almost certain to represent the largest marine loss in A spokesman for Lloyd's said that as much as three-fifths of the risk would have been placed through the London market

market, the effect may well be to turn the 1977 macine account from a marginal overall profit into a marginal loss.

Concorde flights to **Singapore** cancelled By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent

Concorde flights between London and Singapore have been cancelled until further notice because of the failure to obtain permission for the airliner to fly through Malaysian discrete.

The violation came to light because of a Freedom of Information request from Mr Leslie Dach of the Environmental Defence Fund, who said that he made the inquiry because of reports that people in the laboratory had been using poor laboratory procedures in some of the experimental work inspace.

The service, operated jointly by British Airways and Singapore Airlines, was suspended yesterday only seven days after it was inaugurated in a burst of the experimental work.

The institutes investigated and found that the required known as gene-splicing ing with some presently ungreement was lacking, research, has been in progress treatable genetic diseases.

The agency is also investigation by the agency is continuing. (DNA, or deoxyrition to set rules for all recombinant DNA rules by a tinuing acid, is the active binant DNA research, but has California in San Francisco. of publicity. The service cut the flight time between the two cities, which can be as long as 20 hours, to nine and a half

A Concorde was in the air on the way to Singapore when the news reached the crew that the talks in Kuala Lumpur between British and Malaysian Government representatives had failed

to reach agreement.
The supersonic service was terminated at Bahram and pas-sengers were offered seats on subsonic flights for the rest of

the journey.

The Makaysians opposed Concorde flights through their air over what they saw as a lack of consultation by Britain before the new service was able to begin. The service was able to start when Indonesia opened its airspace to Concorde, but only for three return flights. The last of these arrived back in London on Thursday.

British Airways said yesterday: "We are very disappointed. We must now await the outcome of the technical discussions between the two

governments, and we will wish to resume services as soon as we possibly can. In the mean-time, the Concorde service will tontinue to operate between London and Bahrain."

The British High Commission in Kuala Lumour said that the Malaysian Government had agreed to further talks next week and "we naturally hope that these discussions will lead to an early agreement".

> 600 beld after bomb attack in Djibouti

Djibouti, Dec 7.—Troops and police have detained more than 600 people after last night's grenade attack on a popular

Djibouti night spot, informed sources said. Two people died and 31 were injured in a restau-rant filled with French soldiers.

Bushfires kill two in

Sydney, Dec 16.—Bush fires near Sydney today killed two people, destroyed at least 50 homes and forced hundreds of

people, including hospital patients, to flee from the area.

Australia is to admit 1,050 refugees from Vietnam

1.050 Vietnamese men, women and children from Thai refugee camps to Australia, announced today.

The first batch of about 180 unions and other community groups complaining that the rest will travel on regular flights of the nirling Oparise until mid. the Immigration Department pirline Qantas until mid-

Mr Michael MacKellar, the Minister of Immigration, has recently sent officials to refugee where in South-East Asia to -Reuter.

Canberra, Dec 16.—The check on Vietnamese seeking Australian Government will fly entry to Australia. The move

Government which waived immigration rules and proce-

war in April, 1975. Australia has camps in Thailand and else- taken just under 5,000 refugees.

friendly informal visit " after ambassadors of Iran and North This non-official visit is the Mr Teng Hsiao-Ping, the Chinese Government's first con-Chinese Deputy Prime Minister, tact with the new Pakistani regime since General Zia seized power "ve months ago and arrested the former Prime Minister, Mr Zulfikar Ali Bhutto,

cial Chinese press have said they intend to maintain with General Zia's regime the same friendly relations existing between the two countries since

During a banquet in his bonour in Shanghai last night, General Zia said Sino-Pakistani friendship and cooperation were a "vital element in ensuring peace and stability in our region".
Mr Huang Hua flew specially

Belgrade. Dec 16.—Boris Spassky, well on his way to his tirst victory in his chess match against Viktor Korchnoi, made a crucial mistake tonight before

ossible defeat when the game law administrator, arrived in Pakistani flags. Among other Peking this morning for a diplomats and officials were the For the first time Spassky came out on top against Korch-noi's French Defence, but then a forced 36-hour stop in Shang- Korea. with both players under time pressure, he blundered away a hai due to bad weather. Mr Teng Hsiao-Ping, the Spassky, apparently annoyed by Korchnoi's prolongation of the drawn ninth game, spent met General Zia at the airport. He arrived on a Chinese Airlines aircraft, accompanied by Mr Huang Hua, the Chinese Foreign Minister. Also present over an hour away from the hable, warching the position on a demonstration board at the brief military welcoming ceremony were Mr Han Nien-lung, the Vice-Foreign Minis-ter, and General Yang Cheng-A victory tomorrow would live Korchnoi a 7!—2! lead in the 20-game march to decide

wu, the Army Assistant Chief The Pakistani embassy sraff

Ethiopia 'reign of terror' David Frost horrifies US visitors

Nairobi, Dec 16 Two American congressmen who met Colonel Mengistu, the Ethiopian military ruler, during a visit to Addis Ababa, today expressed themselves horrified by the nightly killings, and the absence of respect for

The National Broadcasting Company has sigued David Frost, the British entertainer, as a surprise weapon in its increasingly fierce battle for supremacy with the other two human rights in the Ethiopian capital. Mr Paul Tsongas and Mr Don Bonker, who are urging a greater awareness in Congress At a press conference last night, Mr Paul Klein, NBC's of the situation in the Horn of Africa, flew here today from Addis Ababa. They said they will urge that the United States should reappoint an ambassa-dor to Ethiopia in order to en-hance the American presence

They also want economic and humanitarian aid to continue,

From Our Correspondent both Ethiopia and Somalia.

At the same time, they ex-ressed horror at the human rights situation. In a tour of Addis Ababa earlier today they saw, the bodies of nine people who had been shot as "counter-revolutionaries". "It was a saddening experience. There is no doubt that

there is a reign of terror in Addis Ababa today. It affects everyone and a cloud of fear permeates the city. We understand the death toll last night was around 50, and many of the bodies had deliberately been left on view," Mr Bonker told a press conference here.

The two congressmen are due to visit Somelia tomorrow where they will meet President Barre. They will later visit Egypt and

They are the first high level irrespective of the present military links between Ethiopia and the Soviet Union. But the United States should maintain its embargo on military aid to

> was decided after refugees had reached Darwin in flimsy fishing vessels.
> The arrivals of refugees have

Since the end of the Vietnam

General Zia meets Peking leaders Pekin, Dec 16.—General Zia were at the airport and chil-ul-Haq, Pakistan's chief martial law administrator, arrived in Pakistani flags Among attach

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who was very close to the The Government and the offi-

Mr Bhutto's frequent visits to Peking Tonight General Zia wili be guest of honour at a banquet, described by a Chinese official as "bilateral", meaning the foreign diplomatic corps would not attend.

to Shanghai on Wednesday evening to join General Zia and attended the banquet given by the Shanghai municipal revolutionary committee. - Agence

Bruce and Mr Justice Park

Kyriakos Mariou Kakis, a
Cypriot, falled to secure his
release from detention pending
return to Cyprus on a charge of
murder in April, 1973. The Divisional Court, which refused an
application for a writ of habeas
corpus directed to the governor
of Pentonville Prison where Mr
Kakis had been derained but had
been released on ball, rejected
submissions that his return would
be contrary to sections 4(1) and
8(3) of the Fugitive Offenders
Act, 1967.

Section 4(1) provides: "A
person shall not be returned
if it appears . . . (a) that the
offence . . is an offence of a
political character . . ". Section
8(3) provides that the court may
order the person to be discharged
if "(b) by reason of the passage
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of time since he is alleged to have committed it . . . it would, hav-ing regard to all the circumstances, he unjust or oppressive to return him?

amicus curiae.
The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the applicant and Georgidos Foriou were members of different

Much had been made of the permit during argument. It illustrated that some branch of the Cyprus government was prepared to see the applicant leave the country

further warrant was issued in respect of the applicant. It was backed up by extradition proceedings brought at the instance of the Cyprus government. The crucial date to remember in relation to the institution of those proceedings was that they began on February 11, 1976, when the Attorney General of Cyprus first moved.

Mr Blom-Cooper's first argument was that the killing was of a political character within section 4(1)(a). Halsbury's Lans of England (vol 18 4th ed 1977 p88 para 217) said that "There is

In R v Governor of Brixton Prison. Ex parte Schtraks ([1964] AC 556, 590) Lord Radcliffe emphasized the fact that it was not enough for there to be bad blood between two individuals. It was not become the one side. necessary that, on the one side, there should be the state and that the individual should be "at odds with the state "



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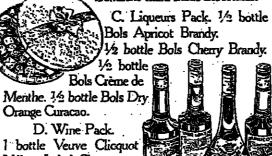
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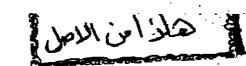
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ts accept is homely Somerset. and its aspect rubicund. in no time at all I had glimpses of surplices, shaded found myself a room, low-lamps, anthem sheets and beamed and flower-patterned, musical motions within It was in the Crown Hotel overlooking the Market Square, where building lay in hush, baunted rivulet swims livroidly down fling groups of sightseers, and the gutter past the old town conture: and hardly less promptly, bright-lit chamber, as though as it happened, I found i viself fined £2 for parking too his canons, the musicians and my outside Penniless Porch, a handful of devoted worship. ong outside Penniless Porch. rough whose squinted archway the green of the precinct ad too soon enticed me, and ley's Thou Wilt Keep Him, : have whose tower the great rey mass of the cathedral self looked benignly down mon warden and mistream

> hadow of the Porch. Eton, Oxford and the Welsh Guards, ie was not hard to identify. In but I certainly could not come the voluntary having our Bean. With a splendid concorning! Lovely day! What a! success yesterday—what would Harven, gru know, our greatest "ukqrity on medieval church ercuitecture)"

The Dean of Wells is a very busy man indeed. He showed me his diary, and it was chocka-block-even Thursday, resolutely marked as his day off, was uibbled into by a meeting of It was by no means the only the Judge's Lodgings Committee. It seemed more the life of bourhood, for the cathedral precinct of Wells, if it sometimes suggests show business. and this is because a cathedral and often package tours, some nowadays is far more than just times feels like one gigantic shrine, but is partly a social conservatoire. Muffled from centre, partly a concert half, partly a tourist attraction, and in the case of Wells, very larely a National Concern. A few snatches of Thou Wilt Keep he west front of Wells Cathed around the green sound the green al; incorporating an unrivalled allery of not very exciting but of Czerny. Hardly has the indeniably medieval statuary, 'as trembling away: the conequent appeal, launched by an chane firm of professional wo for its decay than for stavital, and added a new nension to the life of the ery Reverend the Dean.

It crossed my mind, indeed, of restoration, that the theoral's chief function had

of a Golden Age. Of course, I carious cornice. Outside the west doors there stands a superannuated Victorian pillarbox, painted bright blue, for the acceptance of contributions, and hardly a week seems to pass without some fund-raising function beneath the bold inverted arches of the nave device, or they were hastily erected when, in 1338, the central tower lurched twelve feet

out of true). But no, the Dean reassured me over lunch, the true focus of cathedral life remained the daily services which, however infinitesimal the congregation are held now as always in the panelled seclusion of the choir. Behind the scenes the immemorial functions of the cathedral continue, each with its titular chief; the Baron of the exchequer, the Chancellor, the Master of the Fabric, the Communal, the Chief Steward. The Dean still sonae of his Chapter. The I took him at his word, and

went that afternoon to even to one may see the arcane song: or rather, like nearly bumps and declivities of the everybody else in sight, I Clastonbury plain, there is loitered about the interior of othing very mystical to one's the cathedral while evensong irst impression of the place. proceeded beyond the narrow ing me, from the dimmer recesses of the nave, suggestive magical. The rest of the great encansulated there in their pers performed their evening ritual. The anthem was S. S. Wes-

among the most lyrical in the repertoire, and it was touching to see how many of the tourists leant in silence against pillars, or paused thoughtfully in their decipherment of epi-Almost at once, too, I met taphs, as the sweet melody the Dean, actually in the sounded through the half-light. "Can I go and meet Daddy, now?" I beard a voice say from the cathedral shop, near the west door (where Mr John the west door (where mr jumb the cathedral, I later disconserved, they call him "Father selling well). "He's bound to likeheld", a disconserving be down from the loft by make to one of my purposes, now." He was the last note of likeheld in the loft by make the plain about his authenticity away into the Lady Chapel, our Bean. With a spiendid con- Choirmaster, his wife, his two watching the citizenry pass. Close, the exquisite double row by—"Good morning, good of 14th century houses, which morning! Lovely day! What a "Chart House (and which the conting the continuous that a continuous the continuous that a continuous the continuous that a continuous that Chapter House, (and which is ve have done without you? cathedral precipet properly to make the will be said the control of the Wells to have done without you? cathedral precipet properly toming Simon! Morning colled the Close). Here was East: Murring John! (John Darchester all right! An Oxford print hung above the fireders. I would store the fireders. oxford print hung above me fireplace; a cat luxurizted on the hearth; books, musical instruments, edibles and Cinzano were all equally to hand. "Aren't we hucky?" said the children. "Don't we live in a lovely place? Isn't this a lovely house? We tidied it all up specially for you!"

within the cathedral walls, any hour of the day, one may bear the organ rumbling. Celestial through the open doors come Ars ago it was realized that Him. From old grey houses Organist and Choirmaster finished one performance than he is up there again with his choristers, high in their madieprealers, suddenly made less Porch, rehearsing Wood in vel practice room behind Penniells like Venice, better C Minor for the following day. If faith is the reason for

Wells, music is its most obvious diligence. Wells Cathedral School is one of the ubiquimus were the symp musically gifted children, as of restoration, that the tracing its origins to a Song theiral's chief function had School of the thirteenth censcome its own repair. The cathedral itself is intensely allding itself, clouded with professional. I much enjoyed Molding, tap-taps with the this feeling of disinterested

of excellence attended by almost nobody but the cele-brants themselves; a practice suppose) than monasticism or to the sort of gods I myself cherish, the gods of the stones and the lavender, than to the Christian divinity to whom it has, for a thousand years, un-interruptedly been offered. Before I. left Vicers, Close,

the children invited me to write something in their auto-graph books. Visitors always did, they said. I looked with interest at the previous entries. but no they were musicians almost to a scrawl—the instead. you said you raw" the children couldn't draw" the children kindly said. "We think you're

lemum there have been people and it seemed to me that this corporate possession of the little town, like some grand totem or fetish, must powerfully augment the

Bert Wheeler. Everybody in Wells, Town or Close, knows Mr Wheeler. "You've seen I quoted his opinion on som Cathedral, first as choirboy, then as mason, since 1933, and there is hardly an inch of the fabric that he bad not befriended.

such a building, and to spend one's life getting to know it, or more usefully perhaps, keeping it there! In the shadow of such permanence, surely life's transient miseries would pass one by? The Master-Mason smiled enigmatically; he is a jolly good.")

The loyalty essential to the fell victim himself to the enthnyth of Englishuess is of raiseent of the cathedral when

place. Now he knows if all, its surveyors and the builders merchants perpetually engaged holy structure. He was like the Master at Arms on a warship, I thought, beneath whose exper

fact in Wells Cathedral, I would say, is the medieval Great Clock in the north transept. It is claimed to possess the oldest working clock-face in Europe: whenever it strikes the hour four little horsemen. whirring round and round wooden horses with lances. while a dead-pan character called Jack Blandiver, sitting stiffly on his seat high on a wall near by, nods his head, hits one bell with a hammer,

and kicks two more heels. Every morning at half past eight or so, if you hang around you may see Mr of Fisher's the

the fabric of the cathedral through a prohibited aperture. His father did it before him, itself, and the enclosure of somewhere in the masonry and his son will doubtless follow, grass, garden and old stone so discovered for himself the and never was a labour more that surrounds it. For a millinfinite complexity of the beloved. There's old Jack", says Mr Fisher affectionately as he unlocks the door to the clock gantry, and looks up at climbed the narrow winding steps, and emerged on the gal-lery high above the chancel, looking through the inverted arches to the empty nave beyond, then he opens the big as one might open a cabinet of

> The works are Victorian, the originals being in the Science Museum at South Kensington, and Mr Fisher admires them ship! What precision! Look at those cogs! Feel how easily the handle turns! (There are three separate movements to be wound up each morning, a big iron handle, and Fisher is not averse to his-visitors helping with the work.) I caught his mood at once, and found the experience wonderfully handmade up there, so rich in old wood and dressed stone, with that elab-orate gleaming mechanism ticking, in his cherishing it, and the beautiful

now, look down here "—and he showed me down a little shaft the circular platform on their eternal joust until the next quarter hour, were resting unl complacencythose fellows down there take a lot of looking after. They break so easily, you see. Well break so easily, you see. Well break would, wouldn't they, hit heir each other with their palace at Wells is perhaps the palace at Wells is perhaps the collected Bishop's Palace ting each other with their kances every quarter of an hour? You can't expect them to

last for ever, knocking each omer about like that?

In a curious way, I felt, the carhedral was more the property of the Town than of the Close. Bishops, Deans and Canons come and go (only three Deans have gone on to be Bishops of Bath and Wells), businessmen, the farmers, even the traders who bring their yans and stalls to Wells Marlive all their lives in the pre-sence of the great building, and must feel it to be part of their very selves. Wells has its own magnificent parish church of St Cuthbert, often mistaken by the tourists for the cathedral itself. It has a substantial landed interest and some thriving small industries. But still every street seems to look every alley seems to lead somehow to turn, to that ancient presence beyond Penni-

To discover how Wellensians, as citizens of Wells complicatedly call themselves, regard the affairs of the Close, I went to see the newspaper editor. Like nearly everything in Wells, his office is only a step or two from the cathedral, almost opposite the Star (and just up the road from the King's Head which to move to more modern premcrack buildings are for the moment in High Street, all ramshackle and disjointed, like the kitchen quarters of some dilapidated mansion. How knowingly, I thought, those Linotypes chattered! What intrigues, vendettas and in-nuendos had found their way through those presses, during the 128 years in which the Wells Journal has kept its eye in partially on precinct and market place!

market place!

Ha yes, said the editor wryly. There was never a shortage of gossip in Wells, or controversy either. They were an independent sort, the Wellensians. Why, I should have heard the fuss when the Bishop took to culling the wild duck in his moat by shooting them out of his window! Or when they built those dreadful new canons' houses, all trendy streaked concrete, behind the Old Deanery! Oh, yes, Wellensians often resented the airs of sians often resented the airs of the clergymen Up There though it was not strictly true that the precinct was walled in defence against the assaults of the townspeople, often enough it felt like it.

The Alderman venemently

agreed — the controversial Alderman, everyone called him, who turned out to be a fiery Welshman, bred by the Parachute Regiment out of the Swansea valleys, whose passionately conservationist views during his period as Mayor had led him into bitter conflict with the cathedral. Vividly he recalled those old affrays for me. Had he not threatened to take the Dean to court when he chopped down the Mulberry Tree? Did he not lead the opposition to those frightful cononical houses? Was it not who instructed his Council, when the Bishop was late for a civic function, to take their seats without his Lordship? The Alderman clearly loves

a fight, and I rather wished he was engaged in one just then, so that I could see the sparks fly for myself. But no, though he spoke to me movingly of an erroneous new sewage scheme, all was quiet in Wells just then. There had been a new Bishop and a new Dean since his day, Wells no longer had a Mayor, and most of the local government functions had been taken away to Shepton Mallet. He sounded rather disappointed, and so was I; for Barchester is not Barchester, after all. without a battle on its hands. Or, for that matter, without a Mrs Proudie. It was when I

reached the Bishopric at last! failed. Faith I had certainly remember, I missed the purple found in Wells, diligence, swagger and the second loyalty, pride: but the sense of authority, of an established order unbreakable and and supreme, which is essential to the Romantic view of England, is lost with the winds of social In Trollope's allegories that:

splendidly identified by his woodenly on their arms. "Now figure of fancy has long gone those fellows down there take a the way of the Empire-builder. It of looking after. They and the top-hatted Station-

most its own castellated walls stands on the edge of Wells, in looking across green fields into like a fortress, and though the spectacle. Duck of many vari-eties paddle its most, and the celebrated flotilla of swans, which, for several generations, for their victuals, has recently for the exercise. The palace yard, with a huge pillared refecory, and a fine library, and a private chapel—in which, within living memory, daily choral services were held for the Bishop, his family and his servants.

But alas, no majestic awful Mrs Proudie greeted at the palace door. Nobody all, for the Bishop of Bath and Wells now lives only in the north wing of the structure, the rest being devoted to conferences and other useful acti-vities. Gone are the days when all alone in splendour in the surveyed by a giganite gilded mitre above the fireplace. Gone are those daily services in the private chapel days the Bishop prays there approach to the episcopal pre-sence, never to be forgotten by curates of long ago, when after treading the long stately corridors of the palace, through the dark gallery lined with portraits of earlier prelates, they timidly opened the door of the great study to discover his Lordship, against a serried background of theological treatises, tremendously at his labours.

The Bishop himself recalled

that vanished consequence for me. Now he and his distinctly modestly, more sensibly no pose, but undeniably less impressively in their nicely done-up wing. His new study, furnished in pale woodwork by the Church Commissioners, is unexpectedly emblazoned, around the tops of its bookcases, with a text not from Leviticus or the Sermon on the Mount, but from King Alfred. His visitors book, when I signed it, contained on the previous page the signa-ture of Peter O'Toole. His car is a Rover—" such a blessing when you've overtaking on or narrow Somerset roads". This is a very modern, very functional bishopric.

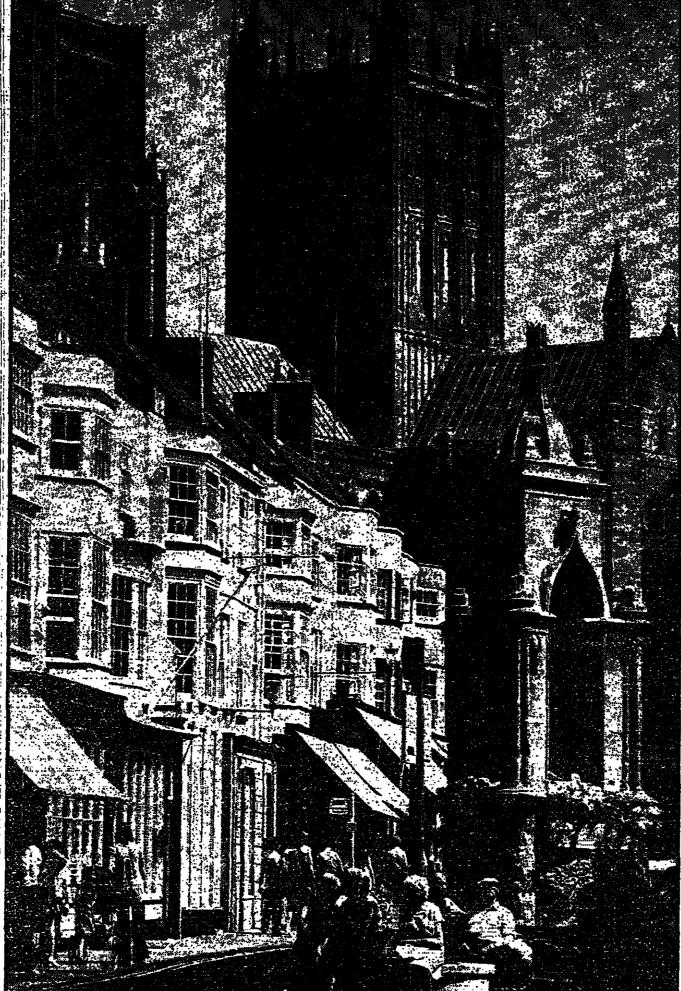
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times have overtaken Barches-ter. The majesty has left the palace. Crowds of throng to those conference rooms, taking their caleteria the undercroft (where the gilded mitre looms large as ever, but anomalous). Often ever, but anomalous). Often the gardens are open to the public, and at any time of day sightsears are to be observed hanging over the gate which, inside the great gudenouse above the programment. above the most, inadequately

(to my mind) asserts the privacy of the bishopric.
Nobody could represent these changes more persuasively than the present Bishop and his wife, who sit in their modest private corner of the gardens, as a Bishop and his lady should, relishing the green and the grey of it all, the long mellow line of their ancient wall, the sweep of the trees and the droop of the trumpet vine, the Turneresque pile of the ruined banqueting hall, the silent towers of the cathedral beyond. But it is not the some. Atavist that I am yearning sometimes from the austerity of Wales for some of the gorgeous and heedless assurance that used to characterize our magnificent neighbour-mastalgic in this way for the Eng.

For it was partly the conceit of it, Trollope's hubris of the cloth, that captured our imaginations once—now gone it seems, for better or for worse, as utterly from Barchester as historical necessity. from Simla or Singapore.

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The only really positive thing that one can say to the avid box-warcher is that this weekend perhaps presages better things

to come over Christmas I 7.45 pm, BBC 2. BBC gets into the Christmas spirit ahead of time by using the interval of The Barber to teach us bow to cook Tournedos Rossini. The before and afters are worth watching also.

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8 pm. ITV. If, on the other hand, you saw Lively Arts's offering the first time around, you may, like me, choose the breathaking Circus World Championships. Certainly a good ploy for son-bedloving children.

1.15, ITV. Not a bed way to end tonight is Filmharmonic '77. Some of the twentieth century's most lasting music has been composed for film and relevision. Here is a chance to compare. Tomorrow 1.30 pm, ITV London. James Street-Porter in The London Weekend Show investigates what is one of the world's

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most powerful potential influences: lesbianism. But why during

Tunch ? 6.15 pm, ITV. Yorkshire opens the Christmas batting for ITV with an Easter Offering, Part I of Messiah-but no less acceptable for being out of time.

9-pm, BBC 2. In this weekend of spy-watching and spy-suspecting, what better than The Lively Arts's look at the greatest master of them all: Mr Len Deighton?

What's more, it is one of Melyn Bragg's positively last appearances on the non-profitmaking channel. 11.20 pm, ITV London. It is hard to see why The London Programme is a London only programme, especially when it characteristically tackles a meany subject like subsidizing the

National Theatre. If in eyeshot, worth switching to. **Tain Reduath** RADIO

6.00 am, News. Tom Edwards.†
5.03. Racing bulletin. 8.06. Ed
Stewart.† 10.00. Kid Jensen. 12.00.
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Rock and Roll.† 6.30. Sight and Sound in Concert, Alberto y Lost Trios Paranoias.† 7.30. Top Tunes.† 8.15. Acker's 'Alf 'Our.† 8.45. Radio Orchestra.† 10.02, Sports Desk. 10.10. Wally Whyton.† 11.02, Sports Desk. 11.04, Ray Moore.†12.31-12.33 am, News.

6.00 am, Radio 1. 10:02, Teddy Johnson.† 12:02 pm, Two's Best.† 1.02, Albert and Me. 1.30-5.53, Sport, including League and Cup Special; Racing at Ascot; Rugby, Final England trials; Show Jumping: Cricket Special; 5.00, Sports Report, 6.03, European Pop Jury. 7.02, Morecambe and Wise, 7.30-12.33 am, Radio 1.

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7.55 am, Weather, 8.00, News, 8.05, Leopold Mozart, Vivaldi, Mozart, Boccherini, Johann Strauss.† 9.00, News, 9.05, Record Review.† 10.15, Stereo Release: Grieg.† 10.45, Robert Mayer Concert: Rossial, Mozart, Corelli, Cimaros.† 12.02 pm, John Amis.† 12.55, News, 1.00, Mozart Serenades.† 2.00, Man of Action: Sir Geoffrey Howe.† 3.35, Strauss, Mahler.† 5.00, Jazz Record Requests.† 5.45, Critics* Forum, 6.35, Piano recital: Franck, Debussy.† 7.30, Christmas Concert from Winchester Cathedral, part 1: Schutz, Gabrieli.† 8.15, Reading, 8.25, Concert, part 2: Tavener, Bach, 9.00, The Innocent Ear.† 10.10, Hopkins translated, discussion with Professor George Steiner, 10.45, Derek Jewell.† 11.25-11.30, News.

THE WEEK'S FILMS

Screen International returns briefly with Milady: (touight, BBC 2, 10.20) a film which reveals a brighter side of the talent of Francois Leterrier than Goodbye Emmanuelle. It is the story of a cavatry officer's obsessive devotion to his horse with tour de force performances by the stone-faced Jacques Dufilho and a handsome gelding masquerading as a man. The BBC's Vincence Minnelli season continues, and coday presents opposed facets of his career. Under the Clock (BBC2, 3.05 pm) was a charming, delicate and only slightly sloppy story of a whirlwind Second World War romance, made in 1945 with Judy Garland and Robert Welker. Two Weeks in Another Town (BBC2, 13.20)

Judy Garland and Robert Welker. Two Weeks in Another Town (BBC2, 11.30) is the sort of over-heated melodrama they liked around 1960, with Kirk Douglas as a movie star in Rome (it was the great era of Hodywood in Europe) trying to recover from divorce, alcoholism, professional failure and a nasty car crash. It is occasionally fun for the movie background and for Edward G. Robinson; but Douglas has a better chance with Lust for Life (tomortow, BBC2, 10.15 pm), Minnelli's surprisingly sensitive 1956 biopic of Van Gogh. On Thursday there is An American in Paris (BBC2, 7.10 pm), one of the peaks of the great era of Minnelli-Gene Kelly musicals, climaxed by the great dream sequence which remains one of the pustanding dream sequence which remains one of the outstanding accomplishments of film ballet. It certainly makes Norman Jewison's Fiddler on the Roof

5.20 News.

10.30 News.

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9.00 am, London, 12,20 pm, Weekend, 12,30; London, 9.30 Police Woman, 10,30, London, 12,15 am, Southern News 12,20, Weather, Epilogue.

9.15 am, Master Golf. 9.40, Last of the quiet Islands. 10.30, Sesame Street. 11.30, Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. 12.30 pm, London. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Man from Atlantis. 7.30, Backs to the Land. 8.00, London. 9.30, Southern. 10.30, London. 11.45, Russell Harty. 12.45-1.15 am, Police Surgest

9.00 am, Rolf Harts, \$.30, The New Original Wonder Woman, 10.45, Funky, Phantom, 11.15, Calendar Kids, 12.00, Mappy Days, 12.30, London, 5.30, Granada, 7.30, Loodon, 5.30, Film-100 Riffes, with Jim Brown, Burt. Reynolds, Raqual Welch, 10.30, News, 19.48, 100 Riffes, part 2, 11.45-12.45, Filthfarmodic, 77.

9.30 mm, RTV. 72.30, London. 5.30, Granada. 7.30-12,15 am, London.

5.30 Man from Atlantis.

7.30 Sale of the Century.

pionships.

8.00 The Circus World Cham-

A Prime Minister on Prime Ministers.

6.30 New Faces,

(tomorrow, BBC1, 7.15) look a very flat-footed effort, however devoted you may be to the songs. Otherwise the week is strong on nostalgia. Tomorrow (BBC1, 1.55) there is George Cukor's David Copperfield, a classic adaptation which without being rlavishly literal caught the whole essence of the work. It was rlavishly literal caught the whole essence of the work. It was Freddie Bartholomew's first big success and was W. C. Field's unforgettable, authentically Dickensian Micawber. On Thursday (BBC1, 2 bm) you can see one of the best Danny Kaye vehicles. Wonder Man (1945), which as usual gives him a schizophrenic dual role, this time as a bookish fellow and the ghost of his songand-dance-man brother. Lassie Come Home (Friday, BBC1, 1.30 pm) was Lassie's debut and the second screen appearance of 12-year-old Elizabeth Taylor, supported by great old character players like Dame May Whitty, Edmund Gwenn and Elsa Lanchester. A season of Elvis Presley revivals starts on Thursday (BBC1, 11 am) with the 1953 Fun in Acapulco (Elvis as a trapeze artist running away from himself) and on Friday (BBC1, 1.55 pm) King Creole, a 1958 "youth" film which was an early Harold Robbins adaptation. Coming a little more up to date, it will be interesting to see how Bonnie and Clyde (Friday, BBC1, 10.05 pm), which launched the Sixties craze for period gangster movies and established a new level of screen violence, looks after a decade.

David Robinson

SATURDAY TV

BBC 1 London Weekend 9.15 am, Bagpuss. 9.30, Multi-8.55 am, Junior Police 5. 9.00, Our Coloured Swap Shop. 12.15 pm, Grandstand: 12.20, Football Focus; 12.45, 1.20, 1.50, 2.25, Rac-Show, 11.00, Film: Carry on. Admiral (1956), with David Tominson.* 12.30 pm, World of Sport. 12.35, On the Ball. 1.00, Ice Hockey from North America. 1.10, ing from Ascot; 1.00, 2.05, Badminton, Ladbroke Trophy Tourna-ment; 1.35, 2.35, 3.50, Table Ten-News. 1.20, The ITV Seven: 1.30, Nortingham; 1.45, Catterick; 2.00, Nortingham; 2.15, Catterick; 2.30, nis, Goddard Finance International Invitation Tournament; 3.00, 4.20, Show Jumping, Radio Rentals Top Nottingham; 2.45, Catterick; 2.30, Nottingham; 3.10, World of Sport's Greatest Hits. 3.50, Half-time Round-Up. 4.00, Wrestling. 4.50, Results Service. 5.05, FA Cup Score, 4.40, Final Score; 5.05, FA Cup Draw, 5.10, Tom and Jerry. draw.

5.20 News. . 5.35 Basil Brush. 6.05 Dr Who. 6.30 Bruce Forsyth and the Generation Game. 7.25 The Duchess of Duke Street. 8.20 The Two Ronnies.

9.05 Starsky and Hutch. 9.55 News. 10.05 Match of the Day Special. 11.20 Parkinson, with Sir Alec Guinness, 12.20 am, Weather.

11.15 Filmharmonic '77, charity concert with Sir Richard Attenborough, John Addison, Dominic Frontiere, Bob Sharples: Regional variations (SEC 1):
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3.05 pm, Film: Under the Cleck, 9.00 \ 2m, The Inventors. 9.30, with Judy Garland, Robert Tiswas. 12.30 pm, London. 9.30, Walker. 4.35, Flay Away. 5.05, The Streets of San Francisco. Horizon 2002. 6.00, Open Door: 10.30-12.15 2m, London. The Other Cinema. 6.30, Sight and Sound in Coccert, with Alberto y Lost Trios Paranolas.

7.45 The Lively Arts—in Performance: The Barber of Seville, opera by Rossim, with Orchestra and Chorus of La Scala, Milan. Film: Milady, with Jacques

11.45 News. 11.50-1.35 am, Film: Two Weeks in Another Town, with Kirk Douglas; Edward G. Robin-son, Cyd Charlsse. Black and white.

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Anglia 8.00 am. A Big Country 'r', 9.30, ATV. 12.30 pm, London. 9.30, ATV. 10.30, London.

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SUNDAY TV London Weekend

BBC 1

9.00 am, Playboard. 9.15, Sunday Gang. 9:40, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 10.10-10.25, Parosi. 11.40, On the Move. 11.50, Your Move. 12.15 pm., Sunday Worship from St. John's Church, Waterloo Road. 1.00, Farming. 1.25, Dressmaker. 1.00 pm., Undversity Challenge. 1.50, News Headlines. 1.55, Film of the Book: David Copperfield, with Freddie Bartholomew. W. C. Fleids.* 4.00, Olympia International Show Jumping Champiouships. 4.50, The Osmonds. 5.20 News. 5.30 Royal Heritage, Edward VII. and the House of Windsor. 6.40 Songs of Praise. Christmas at Clare. 7.15 Film: Fiddler on the Roof, with Topol, Norma Crane, Loenard Frey, Molly Picon, Paul Mann. 10.10 News. 10.55 Film: Buckfast Abbey. 11.05 Film: Tria Marian. 11.05 News. 11.05 Film: Tria Marian. 11.05 News. 11.05 Film: Tria Marian. 11.05 News.

10.10 News. King, King, 10.20 Everyman, Buckfast Abbey. 11.05 News. 11.20 Loudon 11.40 Weather. 11.20 Loudon 9.30 Film: Risko (1976), with Gabriel Dell. black and white.

Regions variations (BEC 1):
BSC WALES.—1.55 pm. The Oregon
Inst. with Rod Taylor, 2.40-4.00.
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Pontypool; highlights of France 8 v
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BBC 2
3.15 pm, Money Programme: Norway and the Common Market. 3.50, Arena: Cinema. The Deep. 4.20, Book Programme, interview with Yvonue Dunleavy. 4.50, Rugby, Inter-divisional Finais. 5.56, The Long Search: Loose Ends. 6.40 News Review. 7.15 The World About Us: The Horse from the Gods.
8.05 News.
8.10 Benonl and Rosa, part 3.
9.00 The Lively Arts. Len Deighton interview, and two dramatizations.
10.15-12.15 am, Film: Lust for Life, with Kirk Douglas.

Westward

10.00 am, ATV. 11.30, Master Golf.
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3.00 am, Masser Golf, 9.30, Pfint: The Lady and the Owl. 10.00, ATV. 11.00, Farmatic Younge. 11.30, Farming. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 per, Calendar Sunday, 1.25, Emmandule Farm. 2.20-Football Special 3.15, Plint: Ferry to Home Kong, Wich Cart Jurgens, Orson Wester, Spivile Syma, 5.20, Cartoon, 5.15, London, 7.45, Film: They Cartoon To Rob Las Vegas, we Cart Law Cartoon, To Rob Las Vegas, Per Cartoon, 11.15-12.10 am, Power Without Glory. l lister

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11.20 London Programme. 12.20 am, Epilogue. (r) Repeat.

ATV A 1 V
9.30 am, To the Top. 10.00, Morning Worship. 11.00, All About Rabies (r). 11.25, Captain Nemo. 11.30, Untamed Frontiers. 12.00, Weekend World: 1.00 pm, Space 1999. 2.00, Star Soccer. 3.00, Film: Cast a Giant Shadow, with Kirk Douglas, Senta Berger, Angie Dickinson. 5.35, London. 7.45, Film: The Moving Target, with Paul Newman, Lauren Bacall. 10.00, London. 11.20, Andy. 11.50-12.20 am, Kreskin (r).

12.20 am, Kreskin (T). Southern

9.00 am, Master Golf. 9.30, Sport for All. 10.00, ATV. 11.27, Westher. 11.30, Farm Progress. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Tandarra. 2.00, London. 3.00, Film: The Red Shoes, with Moira Shearer. 5.30, Southern News. 5.35, London. 7.45, Film: The Moiry Maguires, with Richard Harris. 10.00, London. 11.20, Pro-Celebrity Snooker. 12.05 am, Bygones. 12.35, Weather. Epilogue. logue.

Granada 9.40 am, The Beatles. 10.00, ATV. 11.25, Cartoon. 11.30, Mr Magoo. 12.00, ATV: 1.90 pm, Cartoon. 1.15, Space 1999. 2.10, Kick-off Magoi. 3.20, Film: State Fair. 5.35, London. 7.15, Muppet. 7.45, Film: Goodbye Charlie, with Tony Curtis. 10.00, London. 11.20, Baretta. 12.15-12.40 am, Railrodder, with Buster Keaton.

Border -

B.00 am, Master Golf. 9.30, Caring for History. 10.00, ATV. 11.00, Healthy Eating. 11.30, Burvival. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm., International Daria. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, London. 3.10, Border Diary. 3.08, Cartoon. 3.15, Emergency I.4.15, The Odd Couple. 4.45, The Odd Couple. 4.5, Try for Trn. 5.15, Cartoons, 5.35, London. 7.45, Fim: They Came to Robins Vegas, with Cary Lockwood. Ethe Bottamer. 10.00, London. 11.20-12.20 am. Concert. Neil Sedala. Grampian

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SUNDAY

2 de la concert. de l David Jacobs.† 11.30, People's Service. 12.03 pm. Family Favourites.† 2.02. Morecambe and Wise.† 2.30, The Songwriters, Oscar Rammerstein.† 3.30, Roy Orbison. 4.02, Charlie Chester.† 6.00, Radio 1. 7.02, Brain of Sport, Grand Final. 7.30-12.33 am, Radio 1.

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7.30-9.55 am, Cricket: First Test (m/f only). 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.05. Mozart and the Violin Sonata.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Your Concert Choice: Schutz. Cherubid, Schubert, Schumann.† 10.30, Music Weekly.† 11.20, The Bayreuth Ring: Gotterdammerung, Act 1.† 1.25 pm, Words. 1.30, Alistair Cooke's Jazz.† 2.00, Piano recitel: Brahms.† 2.15, Gotterdammerung, Act 2.† 3.25, Talking About Music.† 3.55, Gotterdammerung, Act 3.† 5.20, Wilde at Work, by Owen Dudley Edwards. 5.45, Journal de Mes Melodies.† 7.05, Lancelot and Gninevere, dramatization. from Malory.† 9.00, Colin Horsley (piano): Debussy, Berkeley.† 9.45, Bellief One, jazzrock setting by Neil Ardley of poem by Patrick Huddle.† 10.00, Scarlatti and Boccherini.† 10.35, Stefan Heym and the Search for Truth, by Dr Peter Rutchinson. 10.55, Cello and piano: Ponlenc. 11.25-11.30, News.

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7.10 am, Apna Ht Ghar Samajuiye.
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Alexandrian couplet

So much attention turned upon the Greek Alexandrian poet, C. P. Cavafy, might suggest an anniversary of some kind, but his dates—1863 to 1933—rule that out; this was not one of those resurrections conscien-tiously undertaken because after 100 years it is the decent thing at least to have a look and see whether the judgment implied in all that time of relative obscurity deserves to be reversed. In any case, Cavaly's poetry already has a reputation, if not as yet a very wide one: both the week's programmes about him seemed to have been built out of a conviction in their makers' minds that the reputation was deserved and thet, when they heard about it, the listeners would think so to. Did they make their point?

much to offer a biography-Cavafy's life was pretty uneventful—as to convey the way in which he say the world. This was done with his poetry and with narration and sound effect and the estimates of some eminent contemporaries: Forster's arresting description, "A Greek gentleman in a straw bat standing absolutely motionless at a slight angle to the universe" provided the title for a pra-gramme which was never less than beguiling although I am not sure that at its end I could have told you very much about the subject of it. Features are often put together mosaic fashion, but the simile is not a good one for, in spite of its bitty construction, nothing is pictorially more informative and unambiguous than mosaic. Applied to sound, however, the technique tends to produce a soft impressionistic effect and it did so here. It created a coloured ambience within which to hear the selection of Cavafy's poetry which followed the next evening and if that is what a feature ought to do, it did it

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DAVID WADE However, having heard this second programme, The Walls and the Visions (producer Hallam Tennyson) it seems to me that Cavary is a poet more than capable of creating by his own work all the ambience he needs. This was poetry of the most vivid quality which, as John Theocharis (now in the role of Greek and English reader) poloted out, made its effect by being spare spare of metaphor, spare of inversion, space of abstraction, space even of the ubiquitous adjective. By this means it incised itself deftly onto the reins of the mind's eye. Mr Theocharis, having a strong spare voice with just a touch to it of the Levant, did nothing to blur the image.

If all this made something of a radio occasion, the seal was set on it by Radio Times which to do more often, giving John Theocher's the space—a full page, no less—to introduce both programmes in an article once informative and

Davis of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. Ian Cotterell directed and obtained some ance of the "Trout" Quinter. We hear them mangling it; occasionally we hear it in directed and obtained some quite remarkable, almost palpable, effects—perioularly of ing. . I expect you're way and shruking, but I ahead of me. I thought it was a good idea, I thought it had of music and lyrics added anything to Carroll except length. I wish Mr Cotterell could have been left to work on a more been left to work on a more straightforward adaptation. Also noticeable for length was rision of the never-ending wheel by going on and on and leading Austrian writer, Thomas Bernhard which results and round and round services. moments were enough. It does

Bernhard, which revealed a In case I should go on and good deal about itself simply round, I will now be curt the from its cast list. There were sad news that Lifelines is to be In case I should go on and from its cast list. There were sad news that Lifelines is to be five characters: Ringmaster, Juggler, Lion Tamer, Clown, Ringmaster's granddaughter. Clearly this was to be the World-as-Circus and so it turned strate that he can recognize strate that he can recognize good programmes (Village Prospects, East-West, In Your out with the Circus, as I understood it, representing the mun-Prospects, East-West, In Your Own Time and others) he will be quick to grab for Radio 4 the talents that made them. I should be should be the should be the should be the talents of the feeblest I have ever the should be the should b dane, the sordid, repetitive, superficial, material, aggravating, painful, habitual and degrading. Against this, the five characters are (and always have heen and will be innorrow when inevitably and by the heard, only excusable and then barely if its producer, Alfred Bradley, can swear he is nurs. ing a ralent not visible in this :.

I think they did. A Slight Angle last Monday was a fea-ture written by Colin Nears and produced by John Theocharis (himself a Greek of Alexandria)

readable. Sound of it for the umpreenth time they reach the dreaded of the week was a version by John Wells with music by Carl ing to get together a perform-

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A Sutherland jubilee

Maria Stuarda Covent Garden

William Mann This year Joan Sutherland celebraies her silver jubilee es a Covent Garden singer, She does so by giving the Royal Opera House its first performance of Domizent's Maria Stuarda, ea opera nowadays so favoured and familiar that you are surprised to read of no production here in the nineteenth century, or indeed until 1966 at Camden Festival (only the fourth production this century). Nobody will wish to press a

connexion between our Queen Elizabeth's silver jubilee and this opera which, for all its dramatic intensity and musical spleudour, presents the first Elizabeth as a particularly unpleasant person. Schiller's un-sympathetic portrayal of our beleved Gloriana had some hisbelived Goriana non some monorical basis, as Britten's much less fictional Coronation opera has shown. Donizetti's Regina, like Schiller's Königin, was semi-caricatured so as to con-trast strongly with the geutle, frail, Mary Queen of Scots, whom she cruelly put to a

martyr's death.

British loyalities are juckned to play down the villainy of Douizetti's Elizabeth in this opera (he built three operas round her, not all so uncompli-mentary), as John Copley some-what did in his production of May Stuart for the English National Opera. It was a joint venture by London's two main opera companies, and has now removed across the old market square to the Royal Opera House where it is given in the original Italian. At the Coli-seum Mary was a mezzo, Elizabeth a soprano, the music being transposed, following old-fashioned practice, to fit the vocal redistribution, since Donizetti envisaged a soprano Maria and a mezzo-ish Elizabeth (the distinction between female voices was less rigid then than

now).

Covert Garden reverts to the traditional scheme, not least because Maria is Joan

The Importance of Being Earnest Round House

Irving Wardle

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With the Prospect Theatre Com-Vic, there is likely to be in-tressing scope for any troupe that can commit itself to touring good productions around neglected provincial dates; and the obvious candidate for this task is the now sadly depleted Actors: Company.

It is easy to point to their diminished grant to explain their decline: but without having seen their first Round House production, Do You Love Me, I wish there were more signs that they were fighting back and asserting their own importance. A flexible, first-class actors collective is potentially of greater value now than it was four years ago, especially as the company has abundantly demonstrated what fine results it can produce.

The present show is by no means a washout, but what a play to choose when you are hard up. Even on the stages of West Country arts centres, west country arts centres, stephanie Howard's right-angle wall, garnished with a bit of cornicing and a few plastic biossoms, must have looked pretty denuded; dumped amid the desert wastes of the Round House it deals the play a blow from which it takes half the evening to recover.

To expose such nonchalant essumptions of wealth in so mpoverished a setting approaches theatrical suicide. Further evidence of the death wish comes with the casting. Of the original troupe, only two ectors remain: Tenniel Evans and Edward Petherbridge. Mr hvans directs and plays the two butlers: Mr Petheridge takes the support part of Canon

marriage, Troutina, and will stoop to subterfuge and magic King Charming to have her way.

In the battle of Fairies that ensures, the evil magic of Soussio (Shirley Lee) is far. Players' Theatre Ned Chaillet Christmas joys in London theatres are not confined to children, though a surprising number of good theatregoers are apparently ignorant of the most charming and highly valid of adult delights. Every year the Players' Theatre unearth a pantomime from the reign of Good Queen Victoria and, preseding its with come studies. Good Queen Victoria and, pre-ceding it with some stylish music-hall turns, mounts a pro-duction which sparkles with interary and musical burlesque. This season the vanits have yielded King Charming, "a fairy extravaganza" by J. R. Planche, first performed in 1850.

Florina.
When the panto finally twists Because the Players is a club, with restaurant and a bar and tables among the seats where speciators can rest their bottles of wine while they applaud a song or hass a villain, it may escape the notice of those who rely on small advertisements in the newspapers. Those who find their way to Villiers Street this Year will discover that King Charming, beautiful, powerful and at least 300 years old, has set his heart on marrying King Hemeckt's lovely daughter, Florina. Henoeckt's Queen, Florina Henoeckr's Queen, Tyrapa, means to offer her un-

RSA scholarships

The Royal Society of Arts have just announced their 1978 Scholarships. Just over £20,000, 12 scholarships in all, has been awarded to singers and string players, and there is a further horeographic scholarship of

gainly daughter from a previous

the most spectacular, transforming Jenny Till's King Charming, a classical long-legged principal boy, into a bluebird principal boy, into a bluebird for refusing to marry Troutina. If it were not for Troutina's mother, marriage to her might not be such a bad idea, for, as Sheila Steafel plays her, Troutina is constantly funny whether baring a shoulder to be alluring or simply walking off stage. But Charming's loyalty to Florina opens the way to cperatic passions and song with melodies by Donizeni, Rossini, Verdi and Mozart, and to some powerful singing to the bluepowerful singing to the blue-bird by Rosemary Ashe's

its way to a happy end, through tortuous rayme and frequent thefts from Othello, Macbeth, Romeo and Juliet and more of Shakesoeare's plays, it can truly be said to have a moral: "It's no good fighting a good fairy/ they always win, these stories never vary." It is ingenious work, well-directed by Reginald Woolley, with fine Victorian scenery "and supernatural phanomena" by Mary Greaves. phenomena" by Mary Greaves, including particularly a labyrin-thine whispering gallery which trails off into a deceiving third

Choreographic workshop

Continuing London Festival Baller's policy of encouraging young choreographers there will again be a choreographic workshop on December 21 at the Collegiate Theatre, Gordon Street, WC1, at 7.30 pm.



Huguette Tourangeau and Joan Sutherland

tude carelessiy autocratic, her riding whip ever poised to belabour her wretched royal cousts. It is a tremendous performance capped by the self-torment of the next scene when the last to give the sentence.

she has to sign the sentence.

Miss Tourangeau has the voice, as well as the physical personality, to carry this terrific characterization, the cavernous alto register miraculously sychromeshed to a bright,

Chasuble. He is far and away me best Chasuble I have seen: lacing the double meanings

with involuntarily phallic gest-ure, expressing clerical inno-cence through a maladroit gait

and well-meaning attempts to adapt his pulpit style to conver-

section, and negotiating Wilde's over scrupulous syntax with a

delicacy that actually sounds like human speech. All the same, what is he doing in a support role?

Nothing else in the produc-tion remotely approaches his

performance. But on the utility level the comedy works well

enough once the plot mechanics have engaged. The two boys are

nicely distinguished: and if Martin Connor's Algie is closer

altogether suggesting a well-bred penguin with a secret life.

His appearance in deep mourn-ing gets the masterly second act

off to a cracking start.

The garls, likewise, are unevenly matched. Ann Hasson crucially misreads the invinc-

ible Cecily as boydenish on the strength of her country address: Gwendoline gets a perfectly composed reading from Rosie Kerslake who seems

from Rosie Kerslake who seems every inch the daughter of Ann Firbanks's regimentally correct Lady Bracknell. Both performances are right inside Wilde's joke, though both are on the small scale. The production incorporates some material from the fouract version. It would also have been nice to see the dunning solicitor Gribsby from the longer text, but I understand that would have cost too much money.

have cost too much money.

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Lifting the curtain on Soviet theatre, Sheridan Morley re-ports on a visit to Moscow with Trevor Nunn and Francesca

Surberland's role. But her royal sparring partner, here as always in the pest, is Huguette Tourangean from French Canada, who turns the Virgin Queen into a villainess of rivering melevolence. With the Earl of Leicester, whom she fancies but suspects of inconstancy, she is spiteful, eyes ablaze, lip arched in scorn. She faces Mary Stuart, in Schiller's Ben Trovato interview, with smirks and head-tossing, her orange hat raked frivolously, her attitude carelessly autocratic, ther easy, rasping top. The sense of malevolence is backed to the hilt by Richard Van Allen's gangsterish Cecil, a frowning Mephistophetean Zappa, every word and tone viper-tongued, the two of them emanate black clouds against Stuart Burrow's warm, amiable Leicester or David Ward's solicitous, benevolent Talbot.

lent Talbot. The undisquised fare of evil Mr Copley must have decided, best becomes Miss Sutherland's best becomes Miss Sutherland's Mary Stuart. She is fall, stately, infinitely vulnerable not really beautiful bur now far more handsome than in those days of girlish promise (Amelia, Agathe, Jentier, then Evchen and the brilliant Gilda which pressured than extra firstand the ordinant Glida which presaged that starry first-Lucia). She began nervously on Thursday, with some rust on the clean; thread of silvery tone, and some amous intonation; some florid runs warmed up her instrument, after which

agility, smoothness, tenderness and bravado were able to exert themselves just as required. Having often complained of her monotonously languorous timbre, and slovenly consonants, it is a pleasure to declare that she was singing with a wide range of vocal colour and expression, enunciating clearly. Her husband, Richard, Bonynge, hoed a difficult row on the conductor's rostrum, encountering trouble with ensemble, and with leavening the textures to avoid heaviness. Desmond Heeley's sets look less grand than at the Coliseum, his continues no less splandid (Miss grand than at the Conseum, his costumes no less splendid (Miss Sutherland used some of herown, too gaudy for the total effect). Mr Copley's production remains in good state: I am sorry that the court now watches the Queen's very private first monologue; the earl solution was an unforgettably convincing coup de théatre.

the United Kingdom crown, and gone on to sort out the Middle East crisis, opening a chain of shoe shops, say, linking Cairo m. Tel Aviv across the

danger that the music will appear bewilderingly hectic in its shifts of emphasis, and that is indeed where the first and

longest movement fails.

Each of the succeeding three

movements is more settled in style. The second is a choppy

allegro for winds and percus-sions; the third, inevitably in

this fair-minded work, is essen-tially a piece for the strings, a

movement of winding stillness; and the finale chases itself

towards a joyous presto con-

recipe for a piece; my difficulty is with the ingredients. At different times

the music reminded me of Bartok and Berg, Britten and Tippett, Copland and Stravinsky. the list could be continued.

I suppose this demonstrates admirable openness of mind, but

admirable openness of mind, but it is at least disconcerting to encounter Lulu among the Appalachians, and it is unfortunate that the piece should have little personality of its own. Perhaps Premru the trombonist has played too much music, both classical and, yes, indeed, jazz.

All this makes a decent

The Big Time not about an individual; she was a nice girl, moulded like an BBC 1 erotic dessert, but all she had to do was walk a bit and smile a bit, while a minor cast of truly appalling beauty-cobblers simpered around her, hogged her uneasy limelight, and acced Alan Coren

When previous aspirant Big-timers sought to fly the high trapeze or ride in the Grand National, one was totally en-gage on their behalf it was National Velvet, it was comion half Kid it was comion book themselves silly every time a lens looked as though it might swivel their way. lens looked as though it might swivel their way.

The point about beauty queens is that they are all amateurs; as I understand it, most of them are in it to schieve peace and understanding among the nations of the world and open junk-jewelry boutiques. The rayon sash is but a means to that moving end; perhaps if Miss Cardiff had actually worth. United Kingdom strong. National Verper, it was counter book ball Kid, it was counter book legend of the boy from nowhere, our front and running on behalf of all the boys from The dreamers were realizing

impossible dreams.

But beauty contests are such possible dreams; and it must be to Wooster than Wilde, he supplies a grinning, greedy foil to John Harding's John, an ineffably Victorian presence, shooting sly abrupt smiles from above his stuffed shirt, and abrogather suggesting a wellrecorded that Esther Rantzen's hitherto engaging series stumbled on Thursday as it followed Miss Cardiff's bid to followed Miss Cardiff's bid to ing Caire to Tel Aviv across the become Miss United Kingdom. Since, in order to get her head under the rhinestone accolade, a girl is required to be, rather than to do, the focus of this episode was not Miss Cardiff so much as those professionals recruited to manufacture her. Single to Tel Aviv across the bigs, ing Caire to Tel Aviv across the beging to Tel Aviv across the beging to Tel Aviv across the beging to Tel Aviv across the beautiful to the programme might well have stored high them to the programme might well aviv across the become Miss Unit across the single programme might well have stored high them the programme high them the programme might well have stored high them the programme might well have stored high them the programme might well have stored high them the programme high them the pr

sity to every section and every principal. It is the way of concertos for the orchestra to Philharmonia/ Maazel think of few parallels for Premary's inclusion of party pieces for all. There is the Festival Hall

Paul Griffiths

It was heartening to find the Festival Hall well filled on Thursday for the first British performance of a big orchestral piece by a composer who has not so far attracted a great deal of notice. Maybe the lure was a large helping of C major Mozart, the concerto K.467 with Vladimir Ashkerazy as soloist and the "Jupiter" symphony, but the applause at the end of Raymond Premru's concerto for orchestra, was warm and genuorchestra, was warm and genu-

ine.

Premru is an American by birth, which explains why his concerto was among the works commissioned for the Cleveland. Orchestra and Lorin Mazzel, last night's conductor, to celebrate the Bicentennial. By residence, however, he is British, and at Philharmonia concerts, he is usually to be found playing the trombone, not sitting in the stalls as the proud composer.

His concerto for orchestra

His concerto for orchestra bears wimess to his orchestral experience in the sureness with which a large body is handled, and perhaps, too, in its genero-

Theatre Company.

Like that Wood classic, The Plotters of Cabbage Patch Corner, it starts from the fact that children live closer to the ground than the rest of us, and re-creates a world at their eye level: worlds of class-conscious insects, or in this case, enimated kitchen utensils, to whom adults are indeed a race

of arbitrary and all-powerful Mr Wood is not one to be hamstrung by any existing story, and all he has salvaged from the traditional Ginger-bread Man is a hero who is fast on his feet, edible, and brand new. Instead of vanish-

The Gingerbread Man

Old Vic

Irving Wardle

Of the 14 David Wood children's productions showing a cround Britain this Christmas, I doubt if enything better will turn up than this splendid entry by the Cambridge Theatre Company.

rules and customs, where innocent folk are subject to Sleek's nation to the constant threat of the dustbin. It may seem obvious to cast a salpor as an old sailor, or a cuckoo clock as a Swiss yodeller; but one of Mr Wood's gifts is to take ideas as mechanical as this and charm turn up than this splendid entry by the Cambridge Theatre Company. lyrics and music—qualities that all hold together in passages like the winching of the hero to the top shelf, which is done to a sea sharty; or the one jazz episode with which the Gingerbread Man finds he CRO MOVE.

Jonathan Lynn's production is led by two passmasters of the genre: Vivienne Martin as the genre: Vivienne Marun as the screeching Old Bag on the top shelf, and Ronnie Stevens as the ailing cuckoo. In their hands dance, songs and dialogue are all a function of honest story telling; and they know exactly how to create big effects without arousing fear. effects without arousing fear.
The same goes for Keith Varnier's would be Master Mouse,
in his Al Capone suit, and for
the rest of the company, who
succeed in surring the loudest
and ence participation. I have brand new. Instead of vanishing down the for's guilet, he lives on to heal the old feud between the dresser folk and succeed in suirring the loudest the wirchy old teabag on the top shelf, and to defeat their joint enemy, Sleek the Mouse.

The kitchen becomes a perimost absolute breathfolding lous territory with its own silences.

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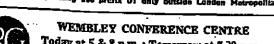
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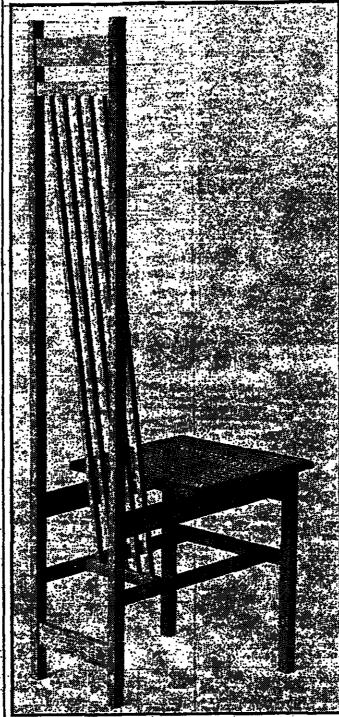
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The beauty of fine furniture



Fine furniture is one of the most satisfying things to spend money on because you live with it. It is part of your life for some 200 years, up to the last war at least, more has

while indifferent machine-made furniture of the past 50 years can still be acquired pretty cheaply, finely made furniture of the eighteenth, mineteenth

furniture of the eighteenth, mineteenth or even twentieth century now tends, unless you strike exceptionally lucky, to be very expensive indeed. You will e lucky to find anything of quality under £200 and must think in terms of at least

£1,000 if you want something rather out of the ordinary.

Those prepared to spend these kind of sums generally

mese kind or sums generally now do one of two things. They either turn to antique dealers and auctions in order to acquire fine antique pieces whose purchase can be justified as an investment. Or else they turn to modern interior design

oriented shops where they can

find exotic creations whose sheer shock value will add a distinction to their home, cap-

able of justifying in social

expended.

The number of people who commission their own furniture from modern craftsmen is tiny. Mainly because so few people realize that this option is even open. There are, in fact, a number of cabinet makers working in this country, capable of designing new furniture for you and making it by hand with the traditional craftsman's care.

craftsman's care.

There are, no doubt, many more at work than I have discovered. I was first elerted to the fact that fine furniture was

vast sumis

still being made by seeing a writing table by Martin Grierson and two high-back chairs of soaringly original design by Richard La Trobe Bateman on

display at the Craft Centre in

Earlbam Street, London, Amid

last war at least, more has beause the motley display of primits pieces can, however, be seen at the most other countries because well potted mugs and knatting. Stoane Square and at the Preserver had a larger prosperous the fine workmanship, original controller to design and sensitive use of bury. I shall only mention here wood of these two craftsmen the work of three cabinethusing ground of antique enough, did the price tags, the work of three cabinethusing ground of antique enough, did the price tags, the work of three cabinethusing ground of antique enough, did the price tags, the work of three cabinethusing ground of antique challenges at £1,200 and the each with an interestingly different approach.

Through Grierson I discounted to work in vered the existence of the slide Loudon, at Workspace in Chisping.

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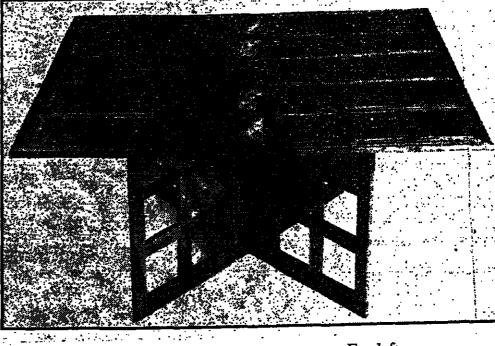
thus very easy to study. In half an hour you can get quite a clear idea of the different approaches of the different

cabinet-makers now at work in Britain and select the one whose work appeals to you most Their addresses and tele-

phone numbers are evailable

Through Grierson I discowered the existence of the slide
library kept by the Craft Advisory Committee at their heading with teaching. Having himquarters in Waterloo Place self studied at the Central
This must be the right place to School in 1949-53, he worked
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difficult The creation of centrate on making elaborate

which

His design solutions, how-ever, are new, both in overall outsine and finish. In outsines he combines undulating curves

moulded his approach; he using highly polished veneers aims to make pieces which no rather than solid blocks of nat-

Far left:

A high back chair by

Richard

La Trobe Bateman.

Left:

A chest of drawers by Martin Grierson.

Above:

A new interpretation

-gateleg table by

Martin Grierson

work from any of these craftsmen is, of course, substantial. Chairs tends to vary in the £120 to £320 bracket, a difficult. The creation of pieces of furniture is expensive and time consuming so bourgeoisie. It is an approach that also inspired the Arts and keen on creating purely for display rather than sale. A few pieces can, however, he seen at the Craft Centre, at Albrizzi in Sloane Square and at the Prescot Callery, Copredy, near Banack, ash and elm. His forms are simple but strong and he is not averse to leaving googe marks unsmoothed a little psymakers examples of whose chological emphasis of the fact complete dining suite from £2,500-£5,000. Cabinets with a large erea to finish will generally be over the £1,000 mark.
One is paying both for materials and time; a dining table and eight chairs may

chological emphasis of the fact that the piece has been made There are several counts or which spending these sort of sums is worthwhile, providing by a caring human agent, not a machine. The great strength of his work is a brilliant sense of you have the money in the first place Grierson points out that people do not balk at spending similar figures on cars, hi-fi equipment or home design, great souring curves anchored in solid slabs of heavy wood. Again, of course, one finds a high standard of construction, the careful precigadgets; these are items which wear out or fall dramatically militates against in value in a few years. Good furniture will last you several The work of Rupert William centuries, besides enhancing your home environment (he son, a new young cabinet-maker, is at the opposite pule argues) in a more important way than any gadget can from Bateman. He is looking for rich and exotic effects,

schieve.
Modern craftsman-made furniture, moreover, has considerable rarity value. The Crafts Advisory Committee index only contains 11 names in its "wood furniture" section factory could produce, using mal wood. Indeed, his work fine quality materials as well lies right in the tradition of as methods of construction and finish which would not be economic.

Starting from the assumption and the control of the giories of the applied exist. "wood furniture" section
Admittedly, you have to submit work and go through a
selection procedure to be included—but good cabinetmakers are, nevertheless, thin
on the ground.

he combines undulating curves with asymmetric rectangles, a Perhaps the most appealing sort of marriage of Art Nou-feature of commissioning furveau and Deco. His veneers inture direct from a craitsman tend to be in very pale woods, is the fact that you can discuss maple or sycaniore, outlined in darker ones to form patterns. They can be specially tailored to you, your louse and your metric verge on marquetry. which though they remain geometric verge on marquetry.

The director of the Craits have spoken to emphatically advisory Committee has a say how much they enjoy this notable chair in his office; its collaborative relationship with twin is in the Victoria and their chent. You will discuss Albert though not at present designs, look at samples of on show. Seen from the side, the back is one sinuous cuive; the back is one sinuous cuive; from the front it is an open work lattice wenered in off designed and well-made furniture but with pieces that are the back is one sinuous curve; from the front it is an open work lattice veneered in off white maple and patterned with contrasting rosewood. The legs which have a satisfying curve are also veneered in a maple and edged with rosewood.

The cost of commissioning terrences, etc. You will not merely end up with well-designed and well-made furniture but with pieces that are unique, whose conception you have influenced and which were made especially for you.

Ceraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

phone numbers are evallable on request. Another section of the slide library covers student exhibitions at various art schools. If you are feeling particularly adventurous you can commission work from a student just starting out. Though I can't say that I saw any work here that would at the present that would at the present encourage me towards this adventure. Photographs can only be a starting point. They seldom give a faithful impression of any work of art; they are sometimes unrealistically flat tering and sometimes kill the startistic different. He sees the real thing can be sometime to the colour, grain and finish of the wood as much as the overall design. To see the real thing can be a continuation of the colour, grain and the overall design. To see the real thing can be a continuation of the can't was the overall design. To see the real thing can be a continuation of the can't was the overall design. To see the real thing can be a continuation of the can't was the overall design. To see the real thing can be a continuation of the can't was the overall design. To see the real thing can be a continuation of the can't was the overall design. To see the real thing can be and trusted for new design solutions relating to but adapting traditional models: a hurr walnut had been deating to but adapting traditional models: a hurr walnut had table, richly grained with all table, richly grained with Bridge

designing office and exhibition environments. He has only turned to making as well as designing in the past three years. This experience has moulded his approach; he alms to make the past three pasts.

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Starting from the assumption that traditional design and the mellow glow of high quality wood and veneers is the tried and trusted formula for a restful home environment. he look for now design substitutes

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There is more satisfaction to he reaped from an end-play than from a squeeze, finesse or any other kind of successful plan, and I have never understood the reason why. Possibly, certain plays can be described as advanced because they appear to demand special cunning. One of the commonest problems should not have presented itself, because the defenders at a partbecause the derenders at a part-score know enough concerning the value of their part-score to bid one more "for the road". However, North-South escaped with the rubber and the de-clarer was highly praised—in the particular circumstances beyond his deserts. North-South game; East-West 60. Dealer North.

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vunished despite West's effort to put his parmer on lead.

West opened the CK, taken by South who cashed two rounds of trumps and led his singleton space. West won with the AA played a spade to the AK on which South game; East-West which South game; East-West made an elementary effort at deception by leading the 49, but the declarer was not deterred from taking the finesse.

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West did not make the most of the defence. It was less important for him to wise the \$\lambda\$. portant for him to win the AA which then gave declarer a discard on the AK then afterwards to continue forcing South or North with spade leads. Unless declarer takes care over his play to West's fourth spade he may end with a losing club and a losing diamond in addition to

Hands which must be played in one or another suit present no substantial problems, because you gain on the swings what you lose on the roundabouts. But even after 40 years of approach bidding no opener can heart and two clubs)? This is osubstantial problems, because than Three Hearts when he you gain on the swings what you lose on the roundabouts. But even after 40 years of approach bidding no opener can ever be sure whether he ought to raise his parmer freely on the expert always guides like expert always gu

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You can see that North whose bidding is normal has not the slightest chaoce of making game in Hearts, although South's text-

tive. In a difficult choice of this nature, I always look upon the minimum bid as the wisest; and here it is, ready-made in the shape of Two No trumps. There is the weak counter-argument that South has no guard in Spades; but since when has the opener in this sequence been expected to have protection in every suit?

every suit?

There is an alternative rebid by South which strours more of duplicate, and that is Three Clubs. Certain players enjoy dotting every "i" and crossing every "t", and their bidding sometimes makes me wonder whether their opponents are ever taken by surprise. In fairness to the expert who gave me this answer, I must give his reasoning, because I then considered him the best rubber

wish to step into No trumps, he can keep the auction at a low level by bidding Three Diamonds and thereby inviting secondary support for Hearts.

If there is a satisfactory answer to this question, it is to be found in the lowest rebid which keeps the auction afloat.

which keeps the auction afloat. I bid Two No trumps because I prefer to leave my opponents as far as possible in the dark. If you belong to the parmership which looks for precision, you can venture to vary your bidding; but always take care to leave the partner who has redoubled in charge at the critical stage; and that means that you stage; and that means that you do not raise on three trumps to the queen if you can produce a superior bid.

Edward Mayer

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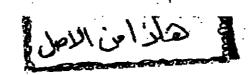
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Lifting the curtain on Soviet theatre

The last foreign theatre delegation to pass through Moscow its finances. were the Italians, who took 75 directors, designers, critics and fans on a fortnight's grand pour last Easter: ours was a somewhat smaller group. There were three of us : Trevor Nunn, director of the Royal Shake-Annis, who has just reached the end of two Stratford years as Julier and Cressida, and myself. We were in the Soviet would like to pay a return they would need to be a something in the very near future and equally clearly they would like to pay a return very near than the soviet and strategy to the sound of the soun self. We were in the Soviet Union for the first 10 days of this month at the invitation of the Great Britain-USSR Association who, like the British Counid, are interested in the possibilities of a major London-Moscow theatre exchange during the next few months.

Considering the identity of two thirds of our delegation, the association had also two thirds of our delegation, the association had also presumably decided that if any theatre company from here is to wist Russia in the next company from here is to wist Russia in the next company of the next company of the next company and the present over the Scofield Lear, the Gielgud Ages of the current artistic strength of that company and the present over our Prospect tour. Moreover, amounts to eiding and abetting a still-repressive regime.

In equally if not more the arrest can find one, it being already nearly 15 below freezing) what he'd most like to see from here and the answer will quite possibly be Jesus Christ Superstar, about which there seems an

gasherings with Soviet theatre officials, all of whom expected lengthy formal speeches followed by question-answering speare Company, Francesca clearly, however, the Russians

The problems at this end are considerable; the machinery of the World Theatre seasons no sending a company to Moscow and keeping its theatres full at home meanwhile are borrendous, and, cash apart, there are many who would argue that to engage in any kind of interest.

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Our delegation was theoreticing view of the likelihood of a ally informal (a consideration, forthcoming dissident show which did not prevent frequent trial agree with Sakharov that the door from the West has to be kept open whatever the

moral cost.
Thearrically, it is clear that there is still great interest in the British: detailed questions about Edward Bond, Arrold Wesker and Peter Brook indicated a far greater knowledge of nor do they seem to have got our theatre than most of us around to Shaffer or much of could claim in reverse, and from those Russians who have recently been able to travel to the World Theatre seasons no London word has spread longer exists, the economics of through Moscow and Leningrad of Robert Bolt's State of Revolution and Alan Bennett's The Old Country, both, of course, plays which arouse more than a little local Soviet

Admittedly we were forever talking to theatre addicts and

all state of the National and even those observers in Mos- abnormal amount of curiosity close as threy now want to get Russian version has already been staged, and both My Fair Lady and West Side Story turn up regularly in repertoires as, more seriously, do translations of Osborne, Wesker, Delaney of Osborne, Wesker, Delaney and Arthur Miller.

Predictably, perhaps, there's not yet much sign of Stoppard,

Pinter: yet there's no doubt that the fervency with which they approach plays both new and old, musical and nonmusical, far exceeds anything I have ever seen elsewhere in the world. Night after night, in the freezing cold outside theatres, we were stopped by people waiting around on the offchance of a spare ticket; queues were forming for a Saturday morning marinee of *Henry IV* in Leningrad, and every show in rown seemed to be playing to standing room only, partly be-cause each show plays only two or three nights a month as part which have been playing in

Tickets are often a reward, either for standing in overnight queues or for belonging to the right factory group or simply for increased productivity: thus the theatre is regarded with a kind of holy awe by most of its audiences, and productions repertoire for maybe five or even 10 years and are clearly now in need of recasting and rethinking still get capacity houses and prolonged applicuse -though not, admittedly, as long as that granted to the Bolshoi, which must be the only production on record where the curtain calls last very nearly as long as the danc-

Our delegation was seldom of one mind about any of the pro-ductions we saw, and these are my rather than our views: we did agree, however, on certain basic impressions, one of which was that the system of no was mar the system of no theatrical unemployment can lead to a hardening of the arteries in some companies while allowing others to explore their horizons over five or 10-year programmes. In each case the difference was made

for better or worse by the explaining to his incredulous counterparts that a British theatre director thinks himself lucky if he can get an actor to sign on for two years: there, 20 or 30 is not uncommon.

In the very limited time

available, all we saw of the Moscow Art Theare was an Ivanov that, despite the presence of the legendary Smoktunovsky in the title role, seemed to me dead beyond recall: Stanislavsky himself, we were told, gave up going to that theatre in the last seven years of his life, but it is only fair to add that there may well be hvelier productions now in the repertoire which deserve an invitation. Also in Moscow, the Red Army Theatre has a play called Holy of Holies which I believe should be seen not only for the central performances of Pastukhov and Ledogorov, but also for the proof that limited criticism of the regime (in this case its passion for heartless urbanization) is now permissible provided you have an up-

director of the company, and size of Sheffield where there
Trevor Nuna never coased are eight major repertory sunded to return to that cast, theares and an opera house, they have a stunningly good musical Comedy of Errors. But Brand played out on one of the as it may already be too late most amazing revolving stages to get a four going in 1978, I have ever seen, and in Len- such are the planning complexiingrad while we were there the ties, it is anyone's guess what Anatoly Efro: production of the RSC will have on offer Don Juan brought two mas- 18 momths bence. sively good performances from Michael Kazakov and Leo Durov: next year, all being well, they'll be at the Edinburgh Festival though not, alas,

with this production. At the Gorky in Leningrad, Toystonogov's Henry IV (a three-hour condensed version of Parts I and II highlighting Falstaff and Hotspur, the latter being played by a man in his middle fifties but mesmeric for all that) is now in its tenth season and showing signs of wear and tear, but there again the company have brought much else into the repertoire since their last visit to London a decade ago and clearly deserve another invitation. So what should we be sending them? If a company were going tomorrow, I would lobby for an RSC treble of the

In Riga, a Larvian rown the McKellen Macheth and Wild

A 1979 visit now seems the most likely, if only because 1980 is the Moscow Olympics and nobody wants to risk leaving it as late as 81. The request will certainly be for a major Shakespeare", but there is room for a modern production as well. In the best of all possible worlds it could perhaps be argued that the modern play should be Tom Stoppard's Every Good Boy Descrees Favour, though that is not a suggestion I make in any expectations of realization whatsoever. Still, as we end-lessly tried to remind the infinitely welcoming infinitely hospitable, infinitely official groups we met along the way, the play's the thing.

Sheridan Morley

Gardening

Rooting around in the cellar

opening of private gardens on behalf of the two gardeners' Chicory roots from plants sown charities, the Gardeners Royal last May, lifted in October or in which such famous varieties

ings again brought a welcome bench in a warm greenhouse. net sum for the charities : it dered if they would live to see the day when the figure of happily from November until with that splendid hybrid tea £10,000 could be raised.

owners of gardens to open postage, presumably 7 or 9p them to the public. Every year extra. inevitably some gardens are the owners can no longer parking facilities are no longer losa) from a sheltered bed nes- many years.

There are many valid rea- wall of the house. sons why a garden owner can

Last year 37 new gardens were open, for the first time keeping the total at well over 300 gardens. This year so far 31 new garden owners have offered to help and hopefully the new acquisitions will more than compensate for the withdrawals. But the Gardeners' Sunday scheme would greatly welcome more gardens. A subhirtella autumnalis too bas garden to interest visitors does out have to be vast. Mrs Sheila The flowers are rather singed Macqueen the celebrated by frosts but new blossoms flower arranger and four appear quite quickly and keep friends all within about a mile the tree attractive. The blush of each other in Hertfordshire pink form "Rosea" is ceropened their gardens this year tainly, to me, more attractive and contributed £1,700 to the than the white flowered varifund. They will again be open- ety and I wonder why it has ing their gardens next year on never received more than the July 9.

If you would like to open your garden for these two very its white counterpart has had worthy charities next year, the much more important please write at once, before award of garden merit and the Christmas so that details can top accolade, the first class be included in the booklet pub- certificate, which of course it lished early in the year. The richly deserves. address to write to is Garden-

In the past I have several national trophy and a gold

ne Norma

and March

with six inches of sand or soil. 40 petals.

the spring, is now available variety "Alec's Red". But the scheme relies on the from W. J. Unwin Ltd, Histon,

So it is to be hoped that new monly known as F. fragrans, Roses International. gardens will be opened every are bravely carrying on a Trial ground certificates were show. It began in carly awarded to no fewer than November and will no doubt 10 new roses. Those which go on until March. It does not have already been named are last all that long in water but as it benefits from light prun- silver-pink edged deep pink, ing, there is no reason why we from Cants of Colchester Ltd. should not help ourselves to a succession of flowering twigs pink with a carmine reverse,

in the winter and early spring. The autumn cherry, Prunus been flowering since October. award of merit from the Royal Horricultural Society whereas

The Royal National Rose ers Sunday, White Witches, Society has just issued the Claygate Road, Dorking, Sur- results of its 1977 trial of new roses. The President's inter-

At this season of good will may times recommended the new medal were awarded to "Silver we think, for a moment, of Dutch self-folding chicory vari- Jubilee", a coppery salmon Gardeners' Sunday the organi. eties—those which will pink hybrid tea rose. Very vig-zation that coordinates the naturally make a good fat chi- orous, bushy, slightly fragrant con without being covered with a full complement of 30-

It has a curious parentage Benevolent Society and the Royal Gardeners' Orphan Fund.

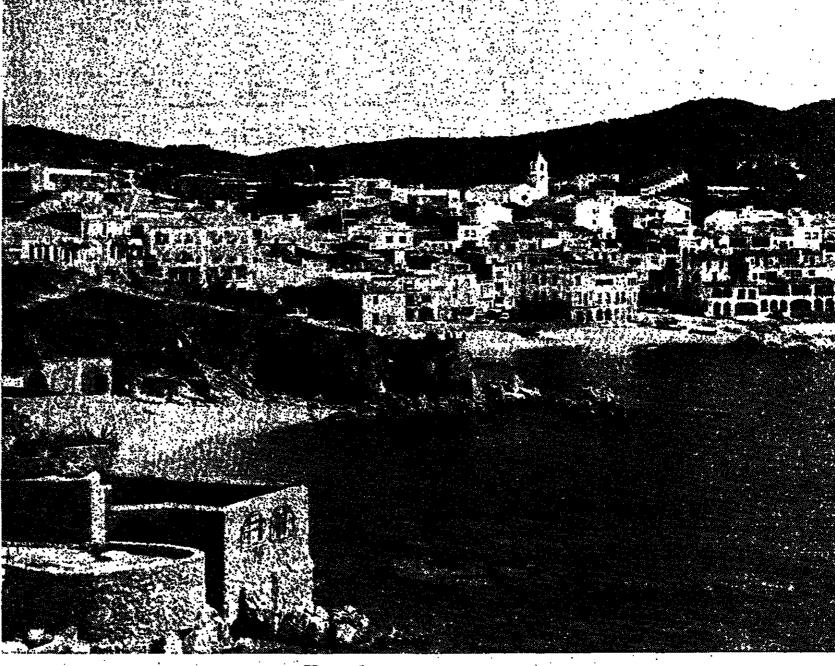
This year the garden open
November, are now yielding as "Parkdirektor Riggers", "Piccadilly", "Highlight", peat in the cupboard under the "Colour Wonder" and "Missairs, a cellar, or under a chief" all played a part. It was raised by Mr Alec Cocker of Unfortunately the firm that Aberdeen, who died last month will be nearly £15,000—I was selling the seed of these without knowing that for the remember only a few years chicory varieties no longer second time in seven years be ago when the organizers won- stocks them. But the variety had won this coveted award. Normato, which I forced quite His first success was in 1970

The Rose of Torridge Salver ability and willingness of the Cambridge, price 25p a packet, for the best new variety raised by an amateur was awarded to Butterfly Wings", a shrub This is the time of year rose with dainty ivory-white lost to the scheme-they may when any flowers in the flowers tipped with carmine. It have been sold for building, garden are so welcome. For was raised by Mr David Gobthree or four weeks we have bee of Balbam in London, who afford the time or labour to been able to pick a few blooms with very limited facilities has keep them up properly, or car of Iris unguicularis (I. sty- been breeding new roses for

tling against the south-facing. A certificate of merit was awarded to a floribunda rose Now too the pink flowers of as yet unnamed, pink with a no longer support the scheme. Viburnum farreri, more com- white eye from Sam McGredy

> "English Miss", a floribunda, " Memento " floribunda, cerise 'Triton" HT, pale yellow edged orange pink, from Dickson Norseries Ltd Northern Ireland. " Judy Garland", floribunda deep yellow, edged orange, "Margaret Merril" floribunda—hybrid tea type, white, very fragrant; "Marjorie Fair", a shrub rose, carmine with a silver eye, this variety also won the first prize the International Rose Trials in Denmark, and "Mrs Walter Burns", a dwarf floribonda carmine edged silver 106 small petals, all with raised by R. Harkness and Co "Warrior", floribunda Ltd: scarlet raised by E. B. Le Grice Ltd, "Moana", a miniature rose deep coral pink, and Macgem" (subject to naming) from Sam McGredy International New Zealand.

> > Roy Hay



Travel

Move for the disabled

Some time ago I was taken gently to task by the representative of a worthy charitable organization who mistake (as so many do) assuming that I am some kind of commercial extension to the travel industry.

He wanted to know why that industry, and particularly the tour companies, did not do more for the disabled. He felt, rightly, that they are just as entitled—maybe more entitled. to a holiday and a refreshing their lives, but that the tour operators did not respond to

heir special needs.

Having long studied the sub-ject of holidays for the dis-abled, I was able to give him some information and learnt last week that, acting it, be has made some specific holiday arrangements for his "clients" in 1978. I also learnt last week that the mobility allowance paid to the disabled is to be raised from next July. As this allowance is being increasingly used for the purchase of holidays, I thought a few words on the subject

would not come amiss. first thing to —and the point so many organizations overlook is that tour companies are in business to make money. (Tour companies themselves have in the past seemed to overlook that very point, but that is another story. They are unlikely therefore to set aside all commercial considerations, as many charitable organizations

would wish them to do. We can make special arrangements for disabled holidaymakers, and are pleased to do so? I was told by one tour "But the reason we do not take many disabled people is that the vast majority cannot afford our holidays, especially in the high

a comment would Such never, of course, be made "on the record" but it does acknowledge that the greatest handicap is a financial one. Or, rather, it has been.
Research carried out by the
Spastics Society has shown that

the most popular holiday in its 1977 programme was the most expensive—a week to an hotel in come for £140. The same holiday is included in the society's 1978 programme, at

them tackled the ski slopes of bilitation at 25 Mortimer Street; best seller again. San Valentino in Italy and so Mr Bill Hargreaves, who is successful was the week that another is planned for March, 1978, to Caspoggio.

Mr Bill Hargreaves, who is head of the society's recrea-tional services department, reckons that for disabled holi-daymakers money is no longer the sole criterion. The mobility allowances are being used for the purchase of holidays and As an example of overcoming the barriers of disability, that holiday takes some bear-ing, though Mr Brian Stead of Northampton broke those barnormanpoon broke mose par-riers early this year. A victim of multiple sclerosis, he took time off from his job with the local electricity board and tra-velled to Jamaica, Mexico, Fiji and New Zealand, accompanied as the allowance is to go up to £10 a week next July, more money will be available for such purchases. I met Mr Hargreaves at the recent launch of Pickfords pro-gramme of overseas holidays for the disabled—a winter series of one and two week by his elderly father. He is presently writing a book about

mation and advice service to

in February (as a result of an approach from Thomson Holidays) a trip to Holland in April and one to Callela on the

Costa Brava. As well as the week in Rome

I mentioned, there are holidays in Britain and the programme ends with trips to Spain, Majorca and Ostend. You may

obtain complete details from

the Spastics Society at 12, Park

Crescent, London, WIN 4EQ, although the holiday programme is a modest one and

likely to be fully subscribed. However, I imagine that any

volume of inquiries—from individuals or from the organizers of holidays for the disabled—would encourage the

society to expand its useful

What particularly bowled me over, incidentally, was Mr Har-greaves's casual mention of the

winter sports holiday that was organized for a group of members last March. Most of

potential organizers.

Overdue.

deals to the Hotel Imperial at Sliema in Malta and the hotels The many societies which have been formed to assist Los Mirlos and Los Tordos at people suffering from partic-Magaluf, Majorca.
At the moment the cost of two weeks to Malta is £207 and two people state in participated as the Spastics Society, the British Epidepsy Association, the British Polio Fellowship—are able to advise about holidays at home and abroad, and sometimes even organize such weeks to Magaluf is £151.90, with the programme running through to the end of March. There are plans for another series in winter 1978/79 and times even organize such holidays. An approach to such a society is usually the best Pickfords also offer an infor-

I certainly welcome the Pickhave in the past—the purchase of Holidays for the Physically fords initiative in offering special arrangements. When Handicapped, the 1978 edition of which should be published at the end of this month. It costs 75p from W. H. Smith or other large book stores and is produced by the Royal Association for Disability and Rehayou consider that there are over 3,000,000 disabled people in Britain, such a move is long As for the Spastics Society's efforts, I know that a boliday to Benidorm is being planned ciation for Disability and Reha

London W1N 8AB. Another useful publication

and a free one, is the pamph-let issued by the Airline Users' Committee (Space House, 43-59 Kingsway, London WC2B 6TE)

Care in the Air which gives advice for disabled passengers. It would certainly have helped the reader from Sheffield who was told on a charter flight to see that the disabled resolutions. Spain that disabled people were "not allowed by law" to occupy the seats with extra leg room near the exits.

The pamphlet clearly advises those with special needs to tell the airline in advance if they want a seat in a particular position "such as one on the aisle, near the toilets or with extra leg room". A travel agent's explanation to the Sheffield reader that the advice only applied to scheduled service flights is as fatuous as it is feeble.

If you suffer from any disability, or if you are in a position to organize holidays for the disabled, I trust your arrangements for 1978 will proposed with no great problems. ceed with no great problems. If I can help by putting you in touch with suitable organizations, then I shall be pleased

John Carter

the Costa Brava: holiday plan by the Spastics Society

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Mountaineering is not a race and that is official



An attractive fact about mountaineering is that the sport is not in the normal sense competitive. It is unnecessary for meone to win and everyone else to lose, neither are the participants watched by a crowd of critical voyeurs. Be he ever so dim of eye or flet of foot, a man can pled the hills without having his nose rubbed in failure or being accused of offend-

He may not be able to bat a straight ball or enjoy having his ears flattened in a scrum, but he can crouch from the wind behind a boulder and eat his sandwiches while the clouds boil at his feet, the sun slants in golden pillers around him and his mate makes a him and his mate makes a

The laws of climbing owe nothing to formal organization which is why there will be general relief felt at the recent decision of the International Union of Alpine Associations. (UIAA) in Mexico to steer away from competitive mountaineering. Ostensibly it was a decision to remove the UIAA's support for the Trofio Mezzalana, a competition organized by the Italian Alpine Club under the patronage of the International Union, and billed as the world ski mountaineering championship.

The decision by 10 votes to two to withdraw support was reached for two reasons; that it would open the door to formal competition within the sport of mountaineering and ause the Russians were persuaded to see the event as a killing by the capitalist entre-preneurs of Aosta — the ski esort where the competition

believe it would be only a short step from ski-mountaineering contests to the spread of "speed climbing" events which have taken place and are deeply offensive to those who feel less than purely about the sport.

Some wry dreamers have been trying to visualize what such a championship would be like, how the latter day gladiators would perform. There would have to be a prescribed stretch of cliff, roped off and neatly dusted down. A grand-stand would be erected overlooking the scene together with scaffolding to allow the television cameras to record every grunt and sweat bead every grunt and sweat bead issuing from the competitors. No one else would be allowed to climb there on that day; to attempt to do so would be worse than sailing across the Solent as the starting gun for the Admiral's Cup was fired.

Perhaps there would be a Come Climbing slot in Saturday afternoon viewing with an opening zoom shot of the first competitor, Hr Helmut Hochspitz of Bavaria (the West Germans are said to be especially

keen on giving the competition a chance) striding before the judges to a ripple of applause. The commension might begin: "And here is Helmut, a sau-sage stuffer from Munich who through dedicated exercise has a power to weight ratio of 50:1 and 28 inch wrists. He is very smartly turned out in outsize Lederhosen with matching baller shoes. Helmut sewed all the buttons on his trousers bimself and his most fetching assembly is topped by an alpine hat moulded in concrete

alpine hat moulded in concrete with an eagle's feather and steel chin strap."

Helmut would present himself at the cliff foot for discreet inspection, rather like a boxer opening his gloves to disclose any hidden ingots. The climbing equipplent might be head. ing equivalent might be boot tips dipped in glut or helium filling those voluminous leather knickerbockers to give a more graceful lift.

A bell would ring and a

huge clock begin to rick off the seconds as Helmut launched himself at the cliff, climbing to a rising crescendo of Wagner played by an imported brass band. From rugosity to rugosity he would move with dazzling precision and simian rhysten, his appearance hardly marred by the large number on his back and the discreet advertisement for patent chest expanders.

At the top he would snap to attention whilst a row of elderly mountaineering councillors held up large cardooard signs giving points for style, deportment and dress.

How far from the truth would this be? The inter-national committee of the British Mountaineering Council, the representative body of the sport in this country, have decided that speed climbing is against the interests of the sport. Mr Michael Westmacott, the chairman, explained: "We thought it would lead to more entation and the type of interest you get in sports which are strongly competitive.

This would not be welcome."

The nations which most favour competitive climbing are the Soviet Union and her satellites who have the ulterior motive in developing this arm of mountaineering to qualify for government aid—particu-larly if it was to become an Olympic event. There is no risk, as there is in proper Today WWOOF is more

climbing, since fixed ropes are used. If in the middle of a stylish ascent a climber actually parts company with the rock, he will bruise no more than his ego. So for the moment at least, climbing exhi-bitionists must keep their com-petitive tendencies to them-selves or exercist them among consenting friends. Apart from showing off, the general judg-ment is that moving at high speed up precipices encourages "Snow on toast?"

Ronald Faux

George Hutchinson

EEC elections: the danger of extremism that was pipped at the post

speeches tend to emphasize our. European". The imputation is not uncommon among the "Eurofanatics" both here and abroad, and one can understand

that Mrs Thatcher has not adopted "Europe first" as ber motto. Her principal and recurring themes, and the philosophy underlying them, are essentially "British" or "national" or "patriotic'. Although in no sense narrow, for there is nothing shallow about them, they encourages the recognition

mothing statuw about them, they encompass the recognition—at once realistic and romantic—that while Britain may have lessons to learn from other members of the European Community we are not, as a nation, altogether unversed in the arts and conventions of democracy and social stability.

One of these is the "first past the post" system of elections, which Mr Heath would prefer to abandon in returning members to the European Parliament while Mrs Thatcher (and all but two of the Shadow Cabinet) would rather retain it.

By Tuesday's vore in the time. In this, I believe, she is much in tune with national tionalists "have bad their way,

various forms of proportional representation, as Mr Callaghan -a late convert, if that is the word-was advocating.

However disappointing to Mr David Steel and his little band of Liberals, the decision must relieve at least one anxiety: namely the fear that if PR were allowed for the European elections we would be drawn closer to the day of its introduction at Westminster. Misgivings about the reputed

merits of proportional repre-sentation have sharply in-creased with the growth of the National Front. More and more, one hears the comment that so far from being a guarantor of moderation. PR would open the gates to extremism by admitting a most unwelcome element to the House of Commons. This mould be seen if the would no doubt be true if the Front were to maintain its existing support or to become even stronger—and there is no evidence of decline, rather the

Mrs Thatcher perceives the danger. More fundamentally, she is not temperamentally inlished institutions or procedures that have stood the test of time. In this, I believe, she is

lizers or weedkillers. It's a method that requires a lot of hard manual labour—a major

reason why farmers weicome

sor who live in north London. John, a computer programmer, and Sue, who illustrates

sible, and probably illegal, in such confined urban space. She and John have been WWOOF-ing for several months and say

In about three years time their dream may become rea-lity. Reality would probably be a cottage, however dilapidated,

with a large garden ripe for cultivation. It would also prob-

and ideally would like to settle

as tenants on a few acres of

land. The couple go WWOOF-ing to learn more about animal

husbandry and warn that the work can be hard. It's cer-rainly not intended for those

As for Mr Steel, one can discern no future comfort in his leadership of the Liberal Party. His alliance with Mr Callaghan has gained nothing for the Liberals except the extension of the present Parliament. Perhaps he would be harmony marks haps he would be happier with Labour, to whose interests he has proved so accommodating.

Twenty years ago, Mr H. F. Harris was the director of the Liberal Party. Speaking on September 18, 1957, he had this to say: "If, in the process of getting to Liberalism, we put in a socialist government, we can-not help that. That is something you must suffer on the road."

David Steel was 19 at the time. During the interval he seems to have absorbed something of Mr Harris's outlook. thing of Mr Harris's outlook.

In the week of Lady
Speucer-Churchill's death, it is
perhaps fitting to reproduce a
letter written to her by her
husband on July 17, 1915 as
he prepared for service on the
Western Front. He put it in an
envelope marked: "To be sent
to Mrs Churchill in the event
of mrs death"

Stocks of mine wh shd exceed The insurance policies are

all kept up & every contin-gency is covered. You will receive £10,000 and £300 a year in addition until you sucreed in addition until you sucreed my mother. The £10,000 can either be used to provide interest i.e. about £450 a year or even to purchase an amunity against my mother's life, who we yield a much larger income at the expense of the capital. Of course it we be much better to keen the £10,000 and live keep the £10,000 and live the interest than to spend on the chance of my mother

get hold of all my papers, especially those who refer to my Admiralty administration. I have appointed you my sole literary executor. Masterton Smith will help you to secure all these is processors for a comwill carry on the lamp. Do not grieve for me too much. I am

being. On the whole, especially since I met you my darling one
I have been happy, & you have
taught me how noble a womans
heart can be. If there is any. look out for you. Meanwhile look forward, feel free, rejoice in life, cherish the children. guard my memory. God bless

This is one of the innumerable letters to be found in the companion volumes to Dr Martin Gilbert's magnificent Life of Sir Winston, and is surely among the most touching of

engaged in authorship (of however slight a character), Mr might at last address them-selves to a cause which neither did anything to assist while in office. As men of letters, they may perhaps feel moved to support the campaign for a Public Lending Right which would allow writers a modest financial return when their books are borrowed from

plishment should not be too proud to enlist their influence.

self-interest, which with en-couragement might be turned

As a class (and granted sceptions), professional writers are not noted for the sort of business acumen so pro-nounced in Mr Heath and Sir notoriety is an asset in the selling of books; but Sir Harold and Mr Reath have another asset as well—and that is a sharp eye for profit.

Like his predecessors, Mr.

Callaghan has so far proved quite ineffectual in furthering this overdue reform, although a deputted of authors did all deputation of authors did call on him as long ago as May. He received them civilly enough, and gave them tea— a modicum

But nothing has resulted. The PLR campaign continues, with Brigid Brophy, Elizabeth Jane Howard, Kingsley Amis and Michael Holroyd to the fore-front. One day it will succeed after some of our power. -after some of our poorer authors have been reduced to destitution by the various dis-abilities afflicting their vocation.
It is greatly to be regretted

Performing Rights Society, which looks after the interests

Why the pinstripe brigade are 'mucking in' down on the farm

and cauliflowers, you probably Organic farming simply means possess all the potential necessary for becoming a successful out the use of chemical ferti-

Forget the canine connotations. WWOOF simply stands for Working Weekends on Organic Farms—an organization with a strong appeal for all those devotees of BBC television's series The Good Life. People who share with the fictional Tom and Barbara Good a desire for complete self-sufficients. desire for complete self-suffi-ciency and whose philosophy for living lies within the pages of E. F. Schumacher's Small is

Beautiful.

Over half of WWOOF's 700
members live in London and regularly swop city suits and briefcases for jeans, welling tons and a hoe. For two days they'll tackle a variety of inche—from chooning down trees and mending fences to the more exotic art of making compost or feeding the pigs. yet they won't be paid a

For most the attraction is the countryside itself—the con-viction that inside every urban man a rural one waits to escape and "muck in". When Sue Coppard started WWOOF in 1971 she found people so desperate to get away from the city and on to a farm that they arrived unannounced on her doorstep begging for rural

organized. Members are sent a regular newsletter telling them which farms need help on which particular weekend. The which particular weekeld. The south east is naturally very popular, and often oversub-scribed, so here it's a case of first come, first served.

In the Restaurant

" Two snows on toast." "No snow on toast." Christopher Logue



WWOOFers Charlotte Barber and Christopher Trussell: "Better than we expected."

who fancy a cheap country weekend contemplating nature from under the boughs of the spreading chestnut tree.

ably be somewhere in East Anglia for anything similar in the south-east would be an economic nightmare. Prices in beautiful. There are farms and smallholdings amongst the rugged scenery of Scotland and North Wales, and others tucked away in the lush countryside of Devon, Wiltshire and Sussey that part of the country are prohibitive—you could easily pay £30,000 for a cottage and two acres of land. Ann and John Stringer of Hounslow, have accepted that the likelihood of their owning a farm will remain a fantasy

In one such idyllic spot, near the Ashdown Forest in Sussex, Carol and Colin Cook have a 300-year-old cottage and 10 acres on which they keep sheep, pigs, two cows, hens and geese and grow every conceivable variety of vegetable.
They moved there two years
ago when the cottage was derelict. Since then they have

constructing a land drainage We couldn't have achieved

"We couldn't have achieved all this in so short a time with-out the WWOOFers", says Colin Cook, "yet we don't have them here merely to work for us. We do realize how fortunate we are kying as we do, and we like to share our life-style with others. Many WWOOFers find it's a great way to mentally un-

rebuilt it, put in a swimming Both agreed that their initial pool and, with the eid of weekend was far better than WWOOFers, are now reclaiming four acres of woodland and even the unexpected such as weekend was far better than anything they had expected—even the unexpected such as milking a cow, and then mak-

Spinning is one craft Carol Cook could not teach Char-lotte. She has only just acquired a spinning wheel and intends to spend the winter months spinning the wool from wind."

A weekend with the Cook skills of spinning and weaving. Or you could try dry-stone of WWOOFing for Charlotte Barber and Christopher Trussell, who live near Holloway.

Scotland, beekeeping in Leicestershire and maintaining old buildings by the medieval method of clay wattling in Suf-

WWOOF philosophy is now spreading internationally. You can go WWOOFing in New Zealand and soon in Denmark, Germany, Australia and Cali-fornia. For those win are looktheir own sheep. Whilst no one denies that WWOOFers are come, especially in the north expected to work hard for their supper, many farms offer and Wales.

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Getting Europeans to drink more pintas

Could the adoption by other EEC countries of British-type "drinka pinta" campaigns substantially boost milk consump-tion in the Community and thereby help to reduce the embarrassing "mountains" of surplus butter and skimmed

The question was posed at a recent meeting of EEC agricultural ministers by Mr Gavin Strang, Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture, who also made the position of the part of the par that the per capita consump-tion of liquid milk in Britain was twice as high as in most other member states. The suggestion struck a sym-

pathetic response from Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, the EEC Commissioner for Agriculture, who apparently believes there is a significant unapped mar-ket for liquid milk in the EEC which the right kind of adver-tising could begin to win back from soft drinks manufac-

some 20 per cent of the £120m which the commission expects the collect in receipts next year through the levying of a special "co-responsibility" tax on milk producers should be to finance promotion, advertising

delivered to the dairies at a rate of 1.5 per cent of a target price, though small Italian pro-ducers, hill regions and other distavoured areas are exempt. The idea is that dairy farmers should share some of the financial responsibility of disposting of the surpluses they

It is true that the British and the Irish spend much more than any of their partners on advertising, and also drink more milk. The Irish get through no less than



6.5 pints a head every week, and the British 4.7. Weekly per capita consumption in other member states is as follows: Denmark 3.9 pints; Holland 3.1; Luxembourg 2.8; France 2.5; West Germany 2.5; Italy 2.4; Belgium 2.3.

On the face of it this would seem to suggest a link between advertising and higher consumption, except that the Irish drink 38 per cent more than the Ernish on a per capita that costly promotion cambasis, but speed only half as much on promotion.

In fact, significantly lower prices and a distribution sys-tem which enables fresh milk to be delivered to the doorisep. of virtually every house in the land within 48 hours appear to be the main reasons for the relatively higher British and Thish consumption rates. but only by getting them to The point also needs to be drink less wine, which is also made that when butter, cheese, in surplus. The French could

cream and yoghurt are also taken into account, the overall consumption of milk products is not so very different from one country to another. The British and Irish, for example, though substantial butter eaters, eat much less cheese than anyone else in the com-

habits, changing, say, the British into cheese-eaters and the Prench into milk drinkers. Nor, they argue, would it necessarily be desirable. As one official put it: "You might be able to persuade the French to drink more milk

argue that the Community as a whole would be better off if the British drank more wine.

The reality remains that con-sumption of both liquid milk and other milk products in the EEC is either static or falling, while production is sharply in-creasing. This is because dairy farmers, though declining in numbers, are becoming more efficient at keeping more cows on a given acreage and produc-ing more milk from them, and are encouraged to do so by too high prices. In recent years the EEC has produced 10 per-cent more milk than it needs. The only real answer is to restrict dairy farmers to very small price increases indeed for some years shead. But the political obstacles are forming

dable. Many experts would go farther and argue that the

buying needs to be curtailed so that dairy farmers would enjoy a guaranteed price only up to a certain level of production, and would have to sell the balance at whatever price the market was prepared to

pay.

But intervention is a sacred cow which is still a long way off from the slaughter house. In the meantime, the Commissional Commission of the commissio sion is making an effort to dispose of more surplus milk within the Community than in the past by subsidizing cheaper consumer prices, making cheap butter available to ice-cream manufacturers, enlarging school milk programmes and the like. But those are little more than palliatives.

In a new venture this year, the Commission authorized member states to release some 72,000 tonnes of "Christmas butter from intervention stockpiles and to put it on the market at 18p a lb less than normal prices, the cost of the subsidy being met out of the EEC budget.

British shoppers are not benefiting from the scheme because butter in Britain EEC financed consumer sidy anyway. The Christmas bonus seems to have run into trouble in Ireland, where there are reports of distribution conlous shopkeepers re-wrapping supplies and selling the stuff

Subsidizing cut-price exports of EEC butter is the more traditional, and actually more economic method of disposing of surpluses; But it is felt in especially when the benefi-ciaries are Russians.

Michael Hornsby

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From Mr H. A. C. Masters

Sir, I refer to the extremely biased

article in The Times (December 12) concerning the Unification Church. Although the article is full of twisted half truths, and is clearly an article on Christianity and the

principles of a free society, I cannot

let it pass without correcting a blatant misrepresentation of fact as

is reported to have been contained in a letter from Mr Finlayson to the

Mr Finlayson claims that Mr

Mr Finleyson claims that Mr Jeeves was evicted from his family house because he would not give up his Christian principles. To put the picture straight, Mr Jeeves was employed by me as farm manager until December, 1975, when the ownership of the farm changed hands. The Community, who then had the management of the farm, then offered Mr Jeeves the opportunity to work in an advisory capacity for

oriered Mr Jeeves the opportunity to work in an advisory capacity for a trial period of six months. At the end of the period it was clear that his unfriencely attitude towards the

mombers of the Community made any idea of working together quite impracticable. The arrangement was therefore terminated and he received.

Because of his father's age Mr

the farm house rent free until his

father's death a year later. It was quite unreasonable for him to continue to live alone in a large farm house while others, including a

married couple with a family who were working on the farm, were obliged to live in cramped conditions. He was therefore offered an alternative smaller house, which my

wife and I had at one time con-sidered retiring to ourselves. Mr Jeeves stubbornly refused to move, the Community took the matter to

court and the court ruled that he

Whatever Desmond Jeeves's Unatever Desmond Jeeves's Christian principles may be, he is free to hold them in this free society—like the rest of us—however regretful this may be to the author of the article.

It is to be head that the grounds.

over £1,200 redundancy payment.

leeves was permitted to remain

Home Secretary.

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Activities of the Unification Church

small groups.

ERIC INGLESBY,

Gloucestershire.

December 12.

Spring Cottage, West End Gardens, Fairford,

From Mrs W. P. Baddelcy

These days strictly denominational

fellowships do not fill the bill, young people hate labels, but the

Churches, by and large, cannot and will not tolerate small interdenomin-

ational fellowships for fear of form-

grass roots, pernicious and heretical

fligious groups are bound to flourish: the spurious "Unification Church" in particular. Yours faithfully,

Sir, I am prompted by your articles on the Unification Church to send

you the following excerpts from Mr Moon's speeches to his inner circle as reported in the magazine Time in June of last year. These make

clear his curious vision of himself and his cult, and should be of interest to parents and others con-cerned with the welfare of young

"Moon on Moon: 'He (God) is

living in me, and I am the incarna-tion of himself. The whole world is in my hand, and I will conquer and

"Moonism v Christianity: 'God is now throwing Christianity away and is now establishing a new religion, and this new religion is Unification Church. All Christians

in the world are destined to be absorbed by our movement. There

have been saints, prophets, and many religious leaders . . in past human history . . Master here is more than any of these people and greater than Jesus Christ himself.

"Obeying Moon: 'I am a thinker. I am your brain. When you join the effort with me you can do every-

thing in utter obedience to me. Be-

cause what I am doing is not done

at random but what I am doing is under God's command.'

must start over again your new life,

from that point denying your past families, friends, neighbours and relatives. You must keep yourselves pure. If you may have to be stained

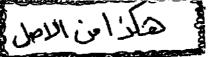
in some way or another it is better for you to kill yourselves than to

evil sovereignty we must cheat.'
"Future Plans: 'Once our move

ain alive. On restoring man from

"Life with Father Moon: 'You

subjugate the world.





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ARGENTINA'S CYCLE OF VIOLENCE

are one more reminder that the that country. The assumption is by people acting under the auspices of the military Government. It is also likely that unless action is taken to locate them quickly, they will join the long list of e who have disappeared without trace over the past two years. The incident can only serve to tarnish the reputation of the Argentine Government still further, and set back its attempts to obtain greater international sympathy for its predicament. The fact of the matter is that military repression has been as harsh in Argentina as in any other Latin American country, and that the justification for it -the need to counter the subversion of terrorist groups-does not excuse the excesses that have been committed.

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There is no question that the armed forces faced an appalling situation when they took power in March, 1976, with an economy on the brink of collapse and terrorist groups that were well organized, well financed and ruthless. It is also true that these groups are still active today, though on a reduced scale. There are still incidents in which bombs are exploded, or the executives of private companies are attacked by gunmen. But the armed forces are now reaping the fruits of a deliberately chosen policy which involved

Mr Callaghan's decision on pay

increases for nationalized indus-

try chairmen and board members

and ineptitude of the first order.

Its timing—24 hours before the

Christmas recess and with no

prior consultation with or warn-

ng to those concerned—is scan-

dalous.

a ruthless approach to the collection of intelligence, in which large numbers of people have been taken off for questioning, often for no better reason than that their names may have appeared in someone else's address book. Many of these people will have had little information that can have been of use to their questioners, but the procedure was felt to be justified for whatever it produced. Most serious of all, the intelligence gathering operation has been conducted outside the law, with no information being given to relations on what had happened, and blank statements of ignorance by officials who were approached by them.

The aim of the military authorities was to have a ruth-less, but ultimately efficient, method of eliminating terrorists, by removing not only them but any possible sympathizers from circulation. This was a war, they considered, and in war it is not possible to be too scrumulous about methods. The trouble was that in the event the campaign became more like a civil war than a war, and that, as in all civil wars, the situation got out of hand. It has proved difficult to control the various groups

worry about the law. The result has been abduction by such groups of personal enemies of people regarded as too leftist, and even of relatives who are too persistent in asking questions about those who have disappeared.

There can be little doubt that there are members of the Argentine military Government who deplore such incidents as the abduction of the two French nuns. They take some pride in the other achievements since they took power—in the fact that they have pulled the country out of the worst of its economic crisis, and that businessmen, diplomats and others no longer have to go in constant fear of kidnapping or murder. President Videls has himself undertaken to try to curb the excesses, and there has been a certain reduction in the number of disappearances. But his power is limited by disagreements among the various parts of the armed forces, where there are many who believe that a hard line should be continued, and others who oppose him in a simple contest for power.

Argentina is a large and complex country which has been in a state of turbulence for many years. The question now is whether it will be able to heal the wounds that have been inflic-ted in the virtual civil war of the last few years. If it can, it can take advantage of its enormous economic potential and resume the growth which it should have been enjoying all this time. But to do that, it will

have to stop the cycle of violence and return to legality.

policies-but it would at least

have had the merit of being

rough justice applied with some

The Government may live to

regret its decision. First, by this action, it will forfeit the trust

of the men and women on whom

of industry wisely and efficiently;

secondly, it may well lose,

through resignations, people

whose skills will not be easily

ator Mr Clark Clifford. But

of the politics of envy.

semblance of equity.

It is to be hoped that the growing tendency for emerging politicians to knock at religion and the principles of our free society for personal political gain will receive its just reward. Yours faithfully, H. A. C. MASTERS, Unification Church, 43-44 Lancaster Gate, W2.

December 13.

Mr

should leave,

From the Reverend Eric Inglesby Sir, The success of the Unification Church is a measure of the failure of the Christian Churches, the Church of England in particular.

As a priest recently on the staff of
Plymouth's City Church I made it
my business to meet the "Moon Sect and found them hospitable and sincere but thoroughly mis-guided about Christ and the Bible. Their strength lies in the recogni-

tion that young people need

The future of Rhodesia

Sir, Replying to Commons questions on President Kannda's withdrawal from the Anglo-American plan for Rhodesia, Dr Owen said: "There

is a choice between continuation of the armed struggle or a negotiated settlement. I believe the Patriotic Front have to be included and it

bas to be sought in a climate the world will understand." Has state-

ment predicates two false premises on which British policy towards Rhodesia remains obstinately based despite the near collapse of the

despite the near conspse of the Anglo-American plan.

The first premise is based on the myth that if a Rhodesian settlement is not achieved then the only other alternative is an intensification of the guerrilla war. Who is

tion of the guerrilla war. Who is going to intensify the war against Rhodesia? The military forces of the so-called front line African nations

Extent of memployment

Blaby (Conservative)

From Mr Nigel Lawson, MP for

Sir, In his article today (December 12) Mr Eric Heffer accuses the Conservatives of being "politically dishonest" in their attack on

Labour's unemployment record,

"because they know that memploy-ment has risen and will continue to rise in most Western capitalist countries, and also that Britain's

onemployment figures are slightly lower than in most other Western capitalist countries."

This is not so. If Mr Heffer

would care to glance at, for example, "Exhibit 1" on page 13

of the MSC Review and Plan, published last month by the Manpower.

of the Government), he would see that, since 1974, unemployment in

the UK has risen faster than in any of our major competitors, and is now significantly above the

OECD average.

NIGEL LAWSON,

House of Commons.

Yours, ecc

Mr D. G. Galvin

ment arouses the interest of the people in a nation through the mass media it will spread throughout the world. For that purpose I chose the US. The present UN must be annihilated by our power. That is the stage for the Communists. We must make a new UN. If the US continues its corruption and we find among are incapable, logistically and operationally, of posing a threat to

the highly efficient Rhodesian Army. The Marxist regimes in Army. The Marxist regimes in Mozambique and Angola, for instance, only maintain a shaky existence by reliance on their internal security forces. In the guerrilla security forces the upper hand as the recent mauling of the Mugabeled guerrillas has shown.

The validity of the second premise

The validity of the second premise involvement of the Patriotic Front in a Rhodesian settlement—is equally dubious. The whole point of that settlement is that it should reflect the wishes of the majority in Rhodesia—a black government installed as the result of one man, one vote elections; to that end the moderate black nationalists—and now it seems Mr. Smith accounts. and now it seems Mr Smith—are pledged. But Mr Mugabe and Mr Nkomo remain shy of subscribing to

Changing police procedure From Mr P. St John Howe

out of existing police procedure and makes cortain helpful recommendations. Two other practices extensively

used should also be corrected. Both are designed to put pressure on accused people to make statements

no courts until Monday he will be kept in custody until then imless, of course; he makes a statement. He is reminded of the meal awaiting him at home, his wife and children, etc. The power of an inspector or senior ranking officer to release the accused on bail, is of course not mentioned, or used.

2. When the accused is brought to

court bail is opposed "while further enquiries are made" or for some other reason; but at the same time it is made perfectly plain to the accused that, if a statement admitting the offence is made, opposition to bail being granted will be withdrawn at the next court appearance. It may well be imagined

A school administrator From Mr G. H. F. Broad

Sir. I was interested to note on page 3 of the issue of December 12 the statement that the sympathies of the Department of Education and Science, as shown in a recent report by the inspectorate, are turning belatedly towards the larger school. As one who is just retiring from 25 years in such an establishment, would like to make a suggestion. which to my knowledge has not been put forward seriously before. Two of the major problems in the very large school are the complete

divorce of the headmaster or princi-pal from the individual child, through his need to be both educational chief and managing director of a considerable establishment and the fact that scholarship and administrative flair march all too rarely

dilemma is the creation of a post of administrator, very much on the French lines; this man would act as senior vice-principal and take away from the principal or head-

one really suitable for our purposes we can make Senators and Congressmen out of our members . . . I have met many famous, so-called famous, Senators and Congressmen; but to my eyer they are but nothing. They are weak and helpless. We will win the battle. This is our dream, our

But shut your mouth

ing splinter groups. The authorities of every Church, in fact, are more concerned with saving structures than saving souls, and until there is genuine Christian Unity at the (Time, 14 June, 1976) Yours faithfully, M. F. S. BADDELEY. St James's Rectory, 197 Piccadilly, W1. December 14.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Mrs Alpson Farrow

Sir. It is a trend of cheap journalism and television reporting in recent years for only one side (the most sensational) to be presented, but I never thought to see *The Times* sink so low. The sensational article on the "Moon Cult" was quite incredible and biased to a degree of total untruth.

Your reporter at one of the roup's weekends had several long conversations with me and she struck me as being very fair minded. Therefore your sub-editing has done exactly what it would accuse the Unification Church of doing, by deleting anything she reported in favour. She met several of the "children" (every member is an adult over 18) and parents who were in favour of their mem-bership, and also took a long interview by phone with me in which I confirmed that I was totally in favour of my son doing his own thing. I have never made it a secret that I do not go along with several facets of the Unification Church, yet unlike your horrendous reporting my son has never been restricted from phoning, writing or visiting me. But of course good news is not saleable. For the record my son joined the UC three years back and has been totally happy and quite. normal ever since. I may not agree with some of the principles therein, but my son is an adult, he must be free to make his own decisions and also to abide by them. I would rather have him associating with the other clean decent living young people, than dabbling in drugs/ porn/demos. None of these young folk are a charge on the state, neither do they indulge in hooli-ganism, and vandalism. Please have the guts to publish the other side because for the sake of sensation-alism your one sided account puts journalism in discepute,

Yours sincerely, A. FARROW. 2 Holland Copse, Pathfinder Village, Exeter, Devon. December 12.

TWe did in fact print favourable comments from Mrs Farrow on the Unification Church on December 14.

how little support they enjoy among the black Rhodesians. Indeed—bethe black Rhodestans. Indeed—between their respective excursions to Peking and Moscow—they are on record as saying that power in Rhodesia will only come through the "barrel of the gun"; power that will result in a Marxist or societies Zimbabwa.

socialist Zimbabwe.

It would follow, therefore, that
the Patriotic Front has no automatic moral right to be involved in a Rhodesian settlement because, politically, it shows every intention of setting up a non-democratic Zim-babwe and, militarily, because after five years of fighting it remains a divided and ineffective fighting force. Yours truly,

what an incentive to make a statement it is when the accused learns that, if he is not granted bail

because of police opposition, he faces a remand in custody for a

period of five to six weeks. (The application to a judge in chambers.

which takes time and money, may

be no more successful if the police

continue their opposition.)
It may appear odd to more robust (and better educated) people that

an innocent person will make an admission of guilt in these circumstances. Unfortunately it does happen. The magistrates courts deal

with the overwhelming majority of criminal cases and it seems likely that what is known to every practi-tioner in the magistrates' courts is

not known (or the extent of the problem is not known) to the higher

judiciary. These practices have been developed to trap a few social nuisances but potentially they endanger the liberty of many honest citizens. They should therefore be

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free elections because they know

Sir, The Fisher Report on the Confait case points to difficulties arising

What happens is: 1. Arrests are made on Friday

after the courts have ceased to sit and the accused is told that as there

stopped now. Yours faithfully, P. ST. JOHN HOWE, Central Chambers, 34a St Thomas Street, Weymouth, Dorset. December 14.

What I believe could resolve this

master the need to be over-concerned with matters not directly educational. I believe such an office could be tied into the structure of educational administration whereby at a certain stage in the life of an administrative officer in a local authority education department, he could be appointed for a five-year term as administrator to a big school: such an appointment I imagine, would at a later stage serve as a strong qualification for promotion to the role of director or assistant director of education. From such a structure I am sure the academic and pastoral roles of a head of a school would benefit on the one hand and, on the other, there would be a much healthier and closer liaison between schools and those at county headquarters who administer them. Yours faithfully,

Principal, Burleigh Community College, Thorpe Hill, Loughborough, Leicestershire.

G. H. F. BROAD,

The fate of the warm spiritual companionship of the Senators and Congressmen no : Lib-Lab pact

From Mr Richard Lamb Sir, How right your leader today (December 15) is in saying that the Liberals ought not to denounce the pact on the issue of the method of elections to the European Parliament I

Important as it is to dedicated Liberals .it is a peripheral issue as far as the majority of the voters are concerned and Mr Callaghan had given no specific assurance on this point when the pact was made.

David Steel's great mistake was to agree to a pact which did not contain strong specific assurances from the Prime Minister about inflation. For the Liberals to get any electoral kudos out of the arrangement they needed to spotlight that their influence on the Government had kept prices down.

David Steel should now demand

as a condition for continuing the pact that the Government stick to their guns over the 10 per cent increuse in earnings guide lines, and that statutory powers are taken urgently to deal with firms in the private sector who make bogus productivity deals or otherwise breach the pay limit. Experts now estimate on evidence already available that wage inflation will run at 17 per cent next year because of the Gov-ernment's weakness over Ford and other flagrant breaches of the Pay Code, and from so many productivity

deals not being self financing.

The Liberal MPs are still in a strong position because the last thing the Government want is a General Election before the April Budget, and David Steel should demand not only a tougher policy over wages, but also an assurance that our North Sea oil revenue next year will be used for income tax cuts to boost the economy and not frittered away on the projects asked

for by the Tribune Group and the left wing members of the Cabinet. If David Steel now obtained an agreement in writing from the Prime Minister which proved incontrovert-ibly that Liberal influence had put a stop to the current wage explo-sion and that Liberal policy to use North Sea oil revenue for income tax cuts was being implemented, he would not only have acted in the national interest but also greatly improved Liberal chances in the coming General Election.

Yours truly, RICHARD LAMB, Knighton Manor, Broadchalke, Salisbury, Wiltshire. December 15.

King Canute

From Mrs Dorothy M. Davenport Sir, I don't feel that James Clark (December 14) will have much uccess in trying to reinstate King Canute's good name. The popular misconceptions of history, like the events depicted on Keats's Grecian urn, are frozen static for ever. Some years back I protested to your crossword compiler that Frankenstein was a Baron, not a monster. to be told that he was now a mons-ter by accepted usage. I have often read complaints by satirists that however obvious their sarcasm comeone will take them seriously and Canute would seem to be an

early example of this. However, it seems highly unlikely that this incident with the waves ever did take place and that more probably it is a later invention of Henry of Huntingdon, born about 1085. For an examination of this story and other immortal tales such as Alfred and the cakes, Blondel and Richard Coeur-de-Lion, Drake and his game of bowls, George Washington and the cherry tree, and Wellington riding to see Blücher on the eve of Waterloo, may I recommend the delightful pamphlet (no 30) by Robert Birley, late headmaster of Eton, called "The Undergrowth of History". published by the Historical Associa-tion in 1955 and reprinted in 1969. Yours sincerely, DOROTHY M. DAVENPORT,

Gillingham.

68 First Avenue,

Packer case costs From Mr D. W. Edwards

around the Packer judgment may I invite some of your learned readers to explain to interested but uninformed bystanders like me how the legal costs of £250,000 are calcula-ted. This seems a good opportunity to remove the mystification which usually surrounds such news items. Yours faithfully. D. W. EDWARDS, 21 Princes Way, Brentwood,

Sir, Now that the dust is settling

The courteous gull From Mrs Christopher Hull

Sir, I suspect that the lack of a rear gun turret is the cause of Mr Dawson's gull relinquishing its flag pole (December 7). I have noticed that the incoming gull with well poised beak invariable approaches rom the rear. Yours sincerely, CECILIA HULL, 44 High Street. Wimbledon, SW19.

From Mr Michael A. E. Franklin Sir, I was staying with friends in Jamaica who had about a dozen Peacocks in their garden. Every evening at sunset, I watched these heavy birds fly to their selected perches on the branches of an enor-

Mous tree First one would fly up to the lowest branch then after a pause for rest would fly up the next. Only when the lowest branch was vacated would a second bird fly up to it and so on by rotation up the tree. Never were two peacocks on the same branch at the same time (or it might have broken). At the end of this manoeuvre the whole flock was on the tree for the night, the first bird having reached the

very top. Your obedient servant MICHAEL FRANKLIN, 10 Blomfield Road, Little Venice, W9.

The recent abduction of two with the terrorists and using French nuns in Argentina, and terrorist methods against them, the representations made by the regardless of the cost to innocent

French Embassy in Buenos Aires, people caught up in the struggle. are one more reminder that the This policy has involved cycle of violence continues in setting up small counter-terrorist groups in the civilian population, that, like thousands of other instructed to act with a certain people, the nuns were taken off autonomy. It has also involved

which had been given their chosen policy which involved marching orders, especially as putting themselves on a level they had been told they need not NO RISE SINCE 1972: AND NOW 5 PER CENT

earning substantially lower now proposes that those earning salaries than their counterparts more than £13,000 a year should get a 5 per cent increase and that in private industry. But, he those below that figure should, argued, the social justification for some of the very high incomes paid in private industry on a sliding scale, be allowed up to a maximum of 10 per cent. This formula is an insult to men would be questionable, whatever the economic circumstances of who are devoting their life to public service. Had Mr Callaghan awarded 10 per cent across the board it might still the country. With the whole country tightening its belt, those have seemed harsh-particularly since the Boyle report pre-dated the present series of incomes

review body on top salaries, chaired by Lord Boyle of Handsworth, recommended substantial increases for state industry board members and for nothing has been done, until this senior officials in the public week, about the salaries of those service, the armed forces and the who run the nationalized industrial. indicary. The Government tries Mr Callaghan has re-stated allowed half the increases recom- the Government's belief that mended for all except the mended for all except the mended for all except the mended industry chairmen ficantly out of line with those of their counterparts elsewhere; but he has chosen, like his pre-Wilson, with his eye on the decessor, to take a harsh line, social contract, postponed a presumably pour encourager les

Commission on Income Distribution and Wealth. Sir Harold accepted the review body's findings that the chairmen and board members of

decision on the state industries

until such time as he had seen

and studied the findings of the

nationalized industries were

Eoka-B kidnappers in Cyprus who seized Achilleas Kyprianou, the son of the Wednesday President. OΠ threatened to kill him unless their blanket demand for the release of all persons detained on the island for any political reason was met. In effect this meant those members of their organization involved in the short-lived coup of 1974 and such of their underground sympathizers as were also held in detention. Already the threat to kill Lieutenant Kyprianou has been twice postponed and now stands to be carried out this evening.

Vanora Legi

signs of vacillation and weakness are accumulating. These signs have been dramatically underlined by a plea issued from his prison cell by Mr Nicos Sampson, the eight-day figurehead of the 1974 coup, who has disowned the kidnappers and pleads for the release of the hos-Cyprus lay in cooperation with President Carter's chosen meditage. At the same time an appeal for unity among Greek Cypriots

As usual with such terrorists the

is the culmination of bungling In 1974, the independent who were most highly paid should accept the need for extreme restraint. The royal commission's findings on this matter have come and gone and autres.

The salary scales of those who head the nationalized industries

replaced; thirdly, it may find that the general public, far from or sit on their boards as full time being impressed by the Govern-ment's resolve to discriminate members have remained virtually unchanged since 1972. This means that many of them have seen their real income halved against the higher paid, may in fact see it as a shabby example

in that period. The Government BRITTLE UNITY OF THE GREEK CYPRIOTS has been issued by Mr Glafkos Clerides who was the single opponent of President Kyprianou in the election due on February but who has now withdrawn as gesture of unity. He referred to the hideous crime of the abduction and urged that the already tense atmosphere should not be

> been visibly weakened by their action and can only be damaged further if they carry out their of Turkey and in face of pressure from Athens has

Yet the divisions within Cyprus are not likely to be healed while those within Greece itself persist. Ever since the death of President Makarlos the Greek Cypriot unity in face become more brittle. As acting President, Mr Kyprianou has held to the view that the best hope for any settlement for

hopes in that source for a solution have lately been weakening for lack of American pressure on the Turks strong enough to exact concessions. Coupled with this, last month's Greek elections saw Mr Andreas Papandreou's opposition party aggravated. This leaves very little make considerable inroads into Mr Karamanlis's majority. This force behind the bluff of the kidnappers since their cause has was on a platform rejecting Nato, opting for neutralism and adopt ing a stronger line against Turkey than Mr Karamanlis was willing to take.

If the continued refusal to meet the kidnappers' demands brings the release of Achilleas Kyprianou the Greek Cypriots may justifiably feel strengthened but the Greeks may not be able to give them the right backing when Mr. Karamaulis's preference for American mediation is opposed by Mr Papandreou's desire to make Cyprus an inter national problem, to be exposed in the forum of the United Nations.

Future of nuclear power From Mr Derrick Streeton

Sir, Referring to Mr D. R. Berridge's letter (December 6) it must be said that compared to reactors of proven design, the effect of sea water contamination in an Advanced Gas-cooled Reactor (AGR) is much more pronounced and far more costly to rectify. The sheer complexity of the AGR

and its distinct disadvantages in terms of access for inspection and maintenance makes one wonder what other problems will arise in future. It is for this reason that the Runterston incident cannot be disregarded in the current decision making on reactor choice. It is now twelve years since the

implementation of the AGR programme and after all this time this reactor remains unproven. The cost to the consumer has been enormous, and it appears that this recent inci-dent will add several millions, if not tens of millions, to the massive burden

It really is quite staggering to find after the Steam Generating Hot Vater Reactor fiasco and the difficulties with the AGR, some con-tinue to scrape the barrel to find excuses for not accepting the mevitable—the Pressurized Water nevitable—the Pressurized Reactor. It would be wholly wrong o spend millions more of the tax-Payer's money to "prove" what has been evident for years about the thorreomings of the AGR. It is shour time that Parliament de-

manded real accountability. If those in the industry who advocate any particular reactor type are willing to back their cause with something more than their reputation, then we might see some realism applied. Finally, referring again to Mr Berridge's letter, it is mentioned the incident reveals no design weak-ness. I find this statement difficult to understand for it implies that there is no need to improve upon the Hunterston design. As a result of "maloperation" in any plant it is usual to overcome such problems by design improvements. If this ssibility does not exist at Hunterston, one wonders what can be done. Yours faithfully, DERRICK STREETON.

Westcliff-on-Sea. Essex. December 8.

Bermuda executions

Prom Mr Michael Stewart, CH, MP for Fulham (Labour) Sir, In his letter in The Times of December 10, Lord Thurlow, the former Governor of the Bahamas, quotes the Nairn case in the Bahamas in 1969-70 as evidence that

intervened to stop the recent executions in Bermuda. Rupert Ezra Nairn was condemned to death in 1968 for the murder of a prison officer in the Bahamas. He

the Secretary of State could have

petitioned the Queen for clemency and, in considering the advice I should tender to Her Majesty, I came to the conclusion that to execute Nairn might be a mis-carriage of justice. I based this conclusion on the evidence of Nairn's mental state which was such that, had he been tried in the United Kingdom (prior to the abolition of capital punishment) he would probably not have been condemned to death, on account of diminished responsibility. Initially, the Governor, and his local Ministers. could not be persuaded to accept that Naira should be reprieved on these grounds. However, the Governor later agreed to grant a reprieve on humanitarian grounds because of the long delay in carrying

out the sentence.

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Lord Thurlow is thus mistaken in claiming that the Nairn case was a breach of Creech Jones. To begin with, the decision to reprieve was, technically, taken by the Governor acting on the advice of his Preroga-tive of Mercy Committee. But even of State intervened, this was done on the grounds that there was reason to believe that a miscarriage of justice would take place if the execution went ahead. The action was therefore fully in accordance with the Creech Jones doctrine. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL STEWART,

Multiracial harmony From Mr H. B. Isherwood Sir, If Mr Humphry Berkeley

(December 10) really believes that "it is necessary for all of us to recognize that the only class is the man race, and to proclaim our belief now, because tomorrow will be too late", why is he in the Labour Party whose Marxist doctrine for political action is based solely on the need for class warfare? We all know that mankind is made up of different races, each with its own evolutionary origin, each divided from the other by its

it is accepted that the Secretary

18 Oaks Drive. Racecourse Heath, Ringwood, Hampshire, Mrs Lena Jeger is MP for Cam-den, Holborn and St Pancras South, and not as was incorrectly stated in

these columns on Thursday.

historical and cultural background.

and surely it is necessary, contrary to Mr Berkeley's opinion, openly to

recognize and appraise such differ-

ences if social relationships are to

be harmonious in a racially divided

become. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

H. B. ISHERWOOD.

community such as England has now



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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 16: The Queen opened
the extension of the Piccadilly
Line to Heathrow Alroort,
London, this morning.
Having been received upon
arrival at Hatton Cross Underground station by Her Majesty's
Lord Lieutenant for Greater
London (Marsbal of the Royal Air
Force the Lord Elworthy). The
Queen travelled with the Chairman, London Transport Executive
(the Right Hon Kenneth Robinson) by special train to Heathrow
Central station where Her
Majesty declared the extension
open and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

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The Queen was then conducted by the Chairman, British Airports Authority (Mr Norman Payne) on a tour of the Subways linking the Airport Terminals.

Lady Abel Smith, Mr William Hesseline and Licutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Prince of Wales this evening attended a performance of L'Enfance du Christ by Berlioz given by the English Chamber Orchestra and Music Society at the Royal Festival Hall.

Birthdays today

Dairthdays today

Dame Mary Cartwright, 77; Lord

Gienamara, 66; Mir Robertson

Hare, 86; Dame Elizabeth Hoyer
Millar, 67; Lord McFadzean, 74;

Sir John McNee, 90; Lord Meston,

83; Major General Sir Robert

Neville, 81; Sir Hugh Norman
Walker, 61; Sir Alfred North, 77;

Mr J. Murray Prain, 75; Mr

Georgie Wood, 82.

TOMORROW: Sir Neville Ashen
heim, 77; Sir Brian Batsford, 67;

General Sir Edwin Bramall, 54; Mr

J. E. Fraser, VC, 57; Mr Christo
pher Fry, 70; Mr Merlyn Rees, MP,

57; Lord Robens of Woldingham,

67; Major-General Sir Reginald

Scoones, 77; Sir Alexander Sim,

72; Major-Generad G. N. Tuck, 76.

Glass Sellers' Company On Thursday evening Mr Simon T. Gray was installed the Master, Mr H. C. Cottrell the Prime Warden, and Mr P. C. Feather the Renter Worden at a meeting of the livery in common hall at Stationers' Hall. Among those present were

Stationers' Hall, Among those present were:
Lord Trevelyan, Sir Alasanir Pilininion,
Mr S. R. M. Wade, Master, Tallow
Chandlers' Company, Mr H. D. Balls,
Master, Innholders' Company, Mr D.
Graham-Wood, Master, Clasiers' Comrany, Mr T. H. Blennerhased, Master,
Tin Piale Workers' Company, General
Sir John Gibbon, honorary assistant,
Lictornami-General Sir High Cambhas,
Lictornami-General Company, Mr F
L' Grain, Probenders D. G. Mussman
and Mr P. J. Willoughby (honorary
clork).

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr John Woodcock, Deputy Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall. to be Chief Constable of North Yorkshire.

Mr Carl Wahren, of Sweden, to be secretary-general of the Interna-tional Planned Parenthood Federa-tion in succession to Miss Julia

Mr M. C. Bradley, aged 33, administrator of a community arts trust in Kentish Town, London, to be chairman of Mensa.

Paris Club
Mr M. J. Thompson, president,
welcomed members of the Paris
Club to a Christmas dinner yesterday evening. Mr J. P. Martin
delivered the 'rice-presidents'
speech and Mr J. S. Spring spoke
on behalf of new members. Among
those present were: Miss A. J. L.
Blrch, Miss C. N. Darroch of
Gourock, Miss S. E. Dunlap and
Mr N. A. S. Jacob.

Service reunion

A reunion of officers we with 231 (Malta) Infanty Br
during the Second World
have been defined as the second World
have been dealers.
Smith and Sir Alexand
presided. The following to be members of Awards:

English and general studies, Carabridgestore College of Arts and recharded
for G. R. Hall frector Alleham,
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Today's engagements

Young Vic Christmas Box, an hour of carols, poems, stories and Victorian games, Young Vic, Waterloo, 11.30. Festival Hall: Carols for choir and audience, 3-15 and 7.30. Northern Young Contemporaries 1977 exhibition, Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester University, Whitworth Park, 10-5. Punch n' Judy, Madame Tussaud's, Baker Street, 12-4. Crisis at Christmas, charity play, Street Theatre, Oxford Circus, 10-12.

Tomorrow

Albert Hall: Bach Choir family carols, 2.30; Alexandria Choir, carols, 7.30.
Crists at Christmas carol concert, Southwark Cathedral, 7.30; carol service, Norwich Cathedral, 3.30.
Visit to destroyer Have Son to

Cathedral, 3.30.
Visit to destroyer HMS Kent by boat from Tower Pier, 2.4.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, "Michael Muskett's Christmas Box", programme of festive and Christmas nusic, 3.
The Queen's silver jubilee gifts, St James's Palace, 12.7.
Walks: a Dickens Christmas walk, meet St Paul's station, 2; a London village, Highgate, meet Archway station, 2.

Middle Temple

The following elections have been made by the Middle Temple for 1978: Treasurer. Mr Jostice Thompson: Deputy Treasurer, Mr Justice Graham.

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One man and his dog on the Twelve Pins of Connemara

are not very high (Ben Corr, the highest, is not much over 2,300ft), but they are formidable hills to climb, because the top half of most of them is almost sheer rock with very ittle vegetation, and they provide enough precipices over which one can fall if one is overtaken by mist and loses.

Vented by Rudolf Otto 70 years Pascal added, he is a thinking ago. To describe something as reed, and that makes all the alignment of nature, but character of God. a God of can stand over against nature generous unregarding love. To any this makes all the can stand over against nature generous unregarding love. To any the eyes of faith nature can be now reached the point where the sacrament of the divine now reached the point where the sacrament of the divine now reached the point where the sacrament of the divine now reached the point where the sacrament of the divine now reached the point where the sacrament of the divine now reached the point where the sacrament of the divine now reached the point where the sacrament of the divine now reached the point where the sacrament of the divine now reached the point where about it, that it may be worthy of worship. It is one of the modes by which man apprehends the presence of God.

This sense of "numinous" is to imply that it difference. He is aware of the universe, and this very aware of the own reached the point where the sacrament of the divine now reached the point where the sacrament of the divine now reached the point where the sacrament of the divine now reached the point where the sacrament of the divine now reached the point where the sacrament of the divine now reached the point where the sacrament of the divine now reached the point where the sacrament of the divine now reached the point where the sacrament of the divine now reached the point where the sacrament of the divine now reached the point where the sacrament of the divine now reached the point where the sacrament of the divine now reached the point where the sacrament of the divine now reached the point wher overtaken by mist and loses seems to be peculiar to man. I one's head. Certainly they had my dog with me on that looked formidable enough climb and though she accom-when this August I climbed six panied me every inch of the of the 12 peaks, a splendid horseshoe of hills.

Another reason for their sense of the numinous Indeed awesome appearance is their her strongest emotion seemed remoteness. Apart from a few abandoned sheep-pens made from loose stones, there is no sign of man's bandiwork on them. I suppose they are very much as they were when the Ice Age ended nearly 20,000 years ago-nothing in terms of

Forthcoming

Mr G. M. P. Consett and Miss A. L. Bigge

and Miss A. L. Sigge
The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, youngest son of Leutenant-Colonel M. C. W. P. Consett and the late Mrs M. S. Consett, of Brawith Hall, Thirsk. Yorksfare, and Alison, younger daughter of Captain and Mrs Simon L. Bigge, of Langdale, Melsonby, Richmond, Yorkshire.

and Muss A. M. Petifier

The engagement is announced between Neil, only son of Mr and
Mrs Andrew Dixon, of Balgour,
Dumning, Perthshire, and Anne,
only daughter of Mr and Mrs John
Petifier, of Norron Court, Teynham, Kent.

The engagement is aunounced between James, eldest son of Major and Mrs I. S. Glibb, of Southwood, Grove Road, Cranleigh, Surrey, and Lesley, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W. F. Mock, of Taplow, Horsham Road, Cranleigh, Surrey.

The engagement is announced be-tween Allstair, son of the late Mr

Lord Mayor; Alderman of the Ward of Cordwaider, entertained members of the ward at luncheon at the Mansion House vesterday. Among the Quests were:

Mr Debuty and Mrs M. H. Oram. Mr and Mrs John James, Mr and Mrs John James, Mr and Mrs D. N. Empiev, Mr R. T. D. Wilmot and Mrs and Mrs T. F. Ackland.

The Lieutenant-Governor of Guernsey, Vice-Admiral Sir John Martin, and Lady Martin gave a

dinace party at Government House last night for the Captain, Lieutenant-Commander C. P. B. Welland, and officers of HMS Guernsey, the new offshore patrol vessel, on the occasion of the ship's first visit to the island.

Mr N. H. S. Dixon and Miss A. M. Pettifer

Mr J. F. Gibb and Miss L. R. Mock

The Rev A. M. Haig and Miss H. M. Newman

Luncheon

Lord Mayor

Dimners

Lady Martin

Paris Club

Oxford

ment.

Birmingham

University news

M. A. E. Dummett, fellow of

All Souls College, reader in the

philosophy of mathematics, has

been appointed Wykeham Profes-

sor of Logic with effect from

October 1, 1979. in succession to

Sir Alfred Ayer, who retires on September 30, 1978. There will

be an interregnum until Mr

Dummett takes up the appoint-

Honorary degrees are to be con-ferred on the following on June

21:
OGL: Lord Harcourt, chairman, Rhodes
Trustees, Lord Kearlon, chairman,
irritish Oil Corpuration, and Sir Martim Chaires's Proposi-elect of Elon,
College,
Date: Nr Salyalit Ray, the Indian film

director. DMus: Herr Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, the singer, and M Olivier Messioon, the

composer.

Deci Professor C. E. Shannon. Donner Professor of Science, Massachusells Institute of Technology, and Professor James Szendagolhal, Pre-Ment of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

Professor I. J. T. Owen, head of

rrotestor J. J. 1. Owen, mead of the department of anatomy at Newcastel University, has been appointed to the Sands Cox Chair of Anatomy and headship of the department of anatomy in succes-

Services tomorrow:

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, U.C. 8; M. 10.70, Canon Evan Pilkinglon, Ben I Jackam In (11: NC. 11.50, Mass for Synces (livris, int. Brop down, ye heatens—The Advent Prose; Evensong, 5.15. Rev C. Novon, Mag and ND (Walmisley in D. minor) A, Vox digentia, (Navjor).

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ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist 11, Rev P. Kefford.

Fourth Sunday

in Advent

marriages

way, she did not show the slightest sign of feeling this sense of the numinous, Indeed to be one of disappointment that there were no traces of that tourist litter which she is used to on English hills. So it seems that man alone experienteenth century thought than

H. Marchaut Haig and of Mrs Haig, of Sidmouth, Devon, and Hilary, daughter of the late Canon John Newman and of Mrs New-man, of South Woodbam Ferrers,

Mr A. J. Holmes and Miss L. S. Leatham The engagement is announced be-

the engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Major and Mrs J. R. R. Holmes, of Devenish Close. Sunninghill, Berkshire, and Louise. eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs A. G. Leatham, of Greenbanks, 75 Albert Drive, London, SW19.

Mr A. R. Mitchell and Miss A. F. D. Alexander

Mr A. N. G. Tibbits and Miss C. M. Driver

Indian Gymkhana Club

Reception

and Miss A. F. D. Alexander
The engagement is announced between Andrew Robert, only son
of Mr Malcolm Mitchell and Mrs
Rdna Andrey Mitchell, of London,
and Anna Fiona Dollar, elder
daughter of Captain and Mrs N. G.
Alexander, of Tyrwaun, Ystalyfera, West Glamorgan.

The engagement is announced between Andrew, only son of the late Lieutenant N. T. B. Tibbits, DSC, RN, and Mrs E. D. R. Henderson, of Proxfield, Hampshire, and Caroline Mary, only daughter of Mr B. W. K. Driver and the late Mrs Driver, of Upbam, Hampshire.

the Indian Cymkhana Club held a diamond jubilee dinner last night at the Café Royal. Mr C. M. Master, president, received the guests. The other speakers were the High Commissioner for India, Mr Barney Hayboe, MP, Mr David Laue, Dr Robiu Fletcher, Mr Robert Williams and Councillor. Ray James.

Guild of the Nineteen Lubricators

Guild of the Nineteen Lubricators
The traditional Festival Service of
the Guild of the Nineteen Lubricators was held yesterday at the
Church of St Margaret, Westminster. After the service the Master,
Mr William Pellew-Harrey, beld a
reception in the Palace of Westminster sponsored by Mr J. J.
Wells, MP.

A reunion of officers who served with 231 (Malta) Infantry Brigade during the Second World War was held last tight at the Army and Navy Club, Brigadiers K. Pearce Smith and Sir Alexander Stanier presided.

sion to Professor John T. Eayrs, who has retired.

Grants
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MARY'S: Bourne Street.—LM, 45 and 7 pn: HM, 11, Cahon Mascall, Talifs in the Dorian Drop down, re Helvens—Plain-E, 5, followed by Solemn Bene-

Wendy Matthews, BSc

The pessimists, of course,

almost a professional possimist. ces the sense of the numinous. Others in our own generation Blaise Pascal in the seven have followed Pascal's lead and found, themselves drawn on geological age, but a vast this was a pointer to God. He from a consideration of man's that are hardly worth buying expanse of time in terms of would have agreed heartly predicament over against in the market Here is no human history. They looked as with me in my sense of awe nature to a belief in God. One eighteenth-century deist arguif they had absolutely no constant of the Twelve Pins. Man he french Marxist philosopher, and the Twelve Pins. Man he french Marxist philosopher. Said, is a weak ephemeral seginning from a liberal-Marx-

are not very high (Ben Corr, vented by Rudolf Otto 70 years. Pascal added, he is a thinking merely a part of nature, but character of God. a God of

The pessimists, of course, would say that being aware of one's situation only makes man's predicament worse. Much better not to think about it, if possible, said A. F., House man:

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nature Jesus is astonishingly himself to do what we with clear and hold. According to hindsight can see was the chief hindsight can see was the chief nature, and ends by saying that God is behind it all; all this, he says,

He fathers forth whose beauty is past change. Praise Him.

Anthony T. Hanson Department of Theology. Hull University

£3,700 paid for Egyptian statue used as doorstop By Geraldine Norman

Sale Room Correspondent

An Egyptian graphite block statue, used until recently as a doorstop in a Scottish country house, was sold at Bouham's yesterday for E3,700 (estimate £1,000 to £2,000) to Robin Symes, the West End dealer in antiquities. The unconsidered doorstop turned out to date from the eighteenth dynasty, about 1450 BC.

It stands \$\frac{1}{2}\text{in high and is in the form of a seated man, his bands crossed on his knees. The borders of his robe are inscribed with his name, Amenhotep, and a dedication to the overseer of the divine cattle from his son, the royal scribe, Reiny. The figure is supported ou a flattened oval base.

The mixed sale of oriental works.

royal scribe, Reinty. The figure is supported on a flattened oval base.

The mixed sale of oriental works of art and antiquities also included a group of Indian miniature paintings; they are examples of the small and rare Kishangarh school and date from about 1780.

One, depicting two princes seated on a lawn, ohe feeding a peacock while their horses and grooms await them, sold for £3,000 (estimate £2,000 to £4,000). The others made £2,000 (estimate £1,500 to £2,500), £1,600 (estimate £800 to £1,800) and £550 (£300 to £500). The sale totalled £1,450, with 4 per cent unsold.

An emire day devoted to selling shulto pottary at Sotheby's Religravia attracted bidders from abroad and resulted in very high prices. The morning was devoted to £1800 for a large Sung vase painted by Mr Roy Airken, and a new auction record was set for Doukton at £1,050 (estimate £120 to £180) for a large Sung vase painted by Arthur Eaton with contorted dragons and cloud scrolls. The collection made £2,947.

In the afternoon a new auction record was set for a Martin bird group when a triple group of Two's Company, Three's None made £2,800 (estimate £700 to £1,000) to D. Terrin. The day's sales totalled £3,479, with 1 per cent unsold.

At Sotheby's Chancery Lane 2.

per cent unsold.

At Sotheby's Chancery Lane a first edition of James Joyce's Finaguns Wake made £500 (estimate £400 to £450) and a first edition of Ulusses £230 (estimate £200 to £300). The sale of mineteenticentury and modern first editions made 19,893, with 2 per cent un-

At Bond Street Sotheby's were selling oak furniture and carpets totalling £69,656, with 3 per cent unsold. An unusual offering was unsold. An unusual offering was a set of six oak armchairs of Strawberry Hill Gothic period and style; they made £3,400 (estimate £1,200 to £1,300).

Sotheby's coin sale made £73,566, with 9 per cent unsold. A 371 rouble piece from the St Petersburg mint, dared 1902, made £3,000 (estimate £4,000 to £5,000 to Spink; only 225 pieces were struck.

25 years ago From The Times of Wednesday,

Dec 17, 1952 Building small houses

Mr. Macmillan, the Minister of Housing and Local Government, in reply to a number of questions in the House of Commons yesterday, said: The success of the Government's housing policy in terms of houses completed, started, and under construction in 1952 makes possible a further step forward. The Government have always been anxions for private enterprise to supplement and support building by the local authorities. Accordingly, from January 1, 1953, it is by the local authorities. Accordingly from January 1, 1953, it is intended to allow any individual to build a house subject to planuing permission and by-law consent so long as it is of not morethan 1,000 square feet and does not consume more than the appropriate quantity of softwood timber. Subject to the same conditions, builders will be permitted to build up to 12 houses at a time. Local authorities are being asked to authorities are being ask issue licences automatically both these classes of applicant.
Arrangements are being made through the regional officers to secure that the flow of private house building does not prejudice the claim of houses for letting on the labour and materials available.

show signs of chronic lung damage, a report in: The Loncet says. Prac-tolol was introduced in 1970 as a toloi was introduced in 1970 as a treatment for heart disease but was withdrawn by its makers. ICI, in 1976 after reports that patients on the drug had developed serious side effects on the skin, eyes and internal organs. Some had become blind. The Lancet's report, from Bristol Royal infirmary, described four patients who had needed surgical treatment for thickening of the intestinal liming, and two patients with other symptoms due to practoiol. numerists, real rate of the state of the sta The six have since become pro-Soper. Trimple, Notion Veduct; II.
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patients the difficulty in breathing seems to have increased with time. Treatment may be possible, the report says, but the best approach has yet to be decided. Another report in The Lancet, from California University, describes 11 cases of infertifity among men working in a pesticide factory. The chemical concerned, 1,2 dibromo 3 and chlorpropane, is used for killing parasitic worms, and it is known to cause sterility in spinnals. Tests on the 33 workers at the factory showed that 11 men had low or zero sperm counts. All had worked there for three years or more. more.

By Our Medical Correspondent. Source: The Lancet, December 16.

OBITUARY

MR ALEXANDER GALICH Songs for the oppressed

people circulated clandestinely in Russia, died in Paris on Thursday. He was 58 and had from time to time suffered from heart trouble, but according to the French police he was electrocuted by his radio set. Galich was once described as being to Soviet verse what that other Alexander, Solzhenitsyn, is to the novel. A Jew who proudly proclaimed his origin, and whose real name was Ginzand whose real name was GIN2-burg, he was a popular poet with the younger generation. He became a stage director and playwright, and it was as recently as 1971 that he first came under the disfavour of the

authorities, and was expelled from the Union of Soviet Film. Makers and Writers. He was already a member—he publicly already a member—he publicly admitted he was a corresponding member—of the Soviet Human Rights Committee, of which the dissident scientist Andrei Sakharov was the leading figure. He was also expelled from the financial organization that looked after Soviet writers financial benefits, and by May 1972 was virtually without a livelihood. It was particularly held against him that he allowed his songs to be published in the songs to be published in the West and that he urged Soviet

Mr Alexander Galich, the in 1972, was that expulsion was Russian poet and song-writer, ordered after a member of the whose recorded ballads in Politburo found that young praise of his country and his people were listening to recordpeople were listening to recordings at his own daughter's wedding party.

In recent years collections of Galich's songs and poetry pub-lished in the West included Songs, Generation of Condemned, and Dress Rehearsal. In June 1974 Galich applied for permission to emigrate to Israel, having already been refused permission to visit friends in the United States and undergo medical treatment there. He and his wife were in

the end given a week or so to leave Russia.
Galich, whose early life was spent in Sevastopol, had been born in Moscow in 1919. Soon after leaving Russia he gave a concert at the Commonwealth Institute in London, but although he settled in Paris be worked in the cultural depart-ment of Radio Liberty, the American-sponsored radio station broadcasting to Russia, and last month he gare a per-formance of his songs in

Vienna.

His personality and his abilities and his devotion to his countrymen suffering imprisonment came through ing himself on a seven-stringed guitar. It has been claimed that many Russians who are unaware of his identity, sing Jews to leave for Israel. One claim repeated by The Times staff correspondent in Moscow his ballads in the belief that they are national folk-songs.

GENERAL WILFRED KITCHING

General Wilfred Kitching, tary. In 1946 he was appointed CBE, international leader of the Salvation Army from 1954 to 1963, died on December 15, at Bexhill-on-Sea, at the age of 84. The son of Commissioner
Theodore Kitching, for many years private secretary to General Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, he was born on August 22, 1893, and educated at Friern Barnet Grammar School.

By the son of Commissioner to Britain in 1951 to take up office as British Commissioner, from which appointment he came to the office of General to 1954.

In his first year of office he became the first General to visit Ghana, Nigeria, Zaire and East Africa, and in 1959 established Even as a young man Wilfred

Kitching was known as a musician among a wide circle of Salvationists, having had his first compositions published by the age of 15. He sometimes played a portable organ at open

Trained as a Salvation Army officer in London he was commissioned in 1914 and served as a corps officer for the next ten years. Subsequent appointments in Britain included those of rears. Subsequent appointments in Britain included those of national young People's Secretary for Bands and National Young People is Secretary

Ghana, Nigeria, Zaire and East Africa, and in 1959 established a similar record by being the first international Salvation Army leader to conduct meetings in Mexico.

Kitching had a deep affection for his people and during his period of high office visited Army commands in all five continuous the mass constant CEE in tinents. He was created CBE in 1964. In addition to his musical compositions he published an autobiography entitled A Goodly

MR JAMES H. PAGE

Mr J. H. Page, OBE, TD, elected: a steward of Henley former secretary of the Amateur Rowing Association died yesterday at the age of 77.

James Houghton Page, was born on January 14, 1900, and transferred to the Territorial Army while at Oxford. At born on January 14, 1900, and educated at Dulwich College, where he was captain of shooting and Jesus College, Oxford, where he was captain of boats. where he was captain of boats. pilot officer, serving in India, He was captain of Thames Row. and retiring as wing commaning Club in 1934, and again in 1947-48, but it was as a coach rather than as an oarsman that

he excelled.

A pupil of Steve Fairbarn, he coached Oriel College from twenty-first place, in 1928, to Head of the River, at Oxford, in 1933-36. At various times he coached both Oxford and Cambridge Universities, and many successful Thames crews, as well as St Paul's School, where ne was a master from 1926 until

Freddie Page became houorary secretary of the Amateur Rowing Association in 1952, and

secretary in 1963, finally re-tiring in April 1972. He was

der in 1947 when he OBE. He joined the City of London Constabulary as a special constable in 1933, and was appointed superimendent in 1963.

A governor of the Royal School of Needlework, Page was Master of the Broderers Com-pany in 1960, and of the Flet-

pany in 1960, and of the Fler-chers Company in 1971.

Freddie Page was one of the rare men who could shoulder an immense load of work, and yet always have time for friends. No one earned greater respect and affection in the rowing world in the past halfcentury. He is survived by his wife and a son.

MR PETER KERRIGAN

Mr Peter Kerrigan, former national organizer and national industrial organizer of the Com-munist Party, died on Thursday. He was 78.

A life long member of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, he held its Award of Merit. In 1926 he led the General Strike in Glasgow, and he later fought in the International Brigade in the Spanish Civil War, supporting the Republican government. He contested several Parliamentary elections for the Communist Party, mainly in the Gorbals constituency of Glasgow. He became prominent in the

MR STEWART NICHOLSON HAT writes :-

Stewart Nicholson, who died on December 10 at Brighton, had been a member of the Institute of Journalists since On completion of his school-

From 1936 to 1962, he carried out the arduous duties of general secretary of the Institute of Journalists.
Although his ingrained courtesy was never at fault, it was

never selective. His journalistic experiences had left han with few illusions; and he was no lavish respecter of persons.
While he could not picture a happy career without a sense of inunour, Stewert was quick to detect any person who might not find it easy to hugh: and he was always indulgent to such unfortunate bretimen.

For me, he did much to make an arduous year of office into a happy experience. More also, he enriched the life of the also, ne en annualists.

Glasgow Trades Council as convenor of shop stewards. In 1925 he was elected vice-chairman, but had to relinquish that post in 1927 owing to the Labour Party's ban on communists. Meanwhile he had been chairman of the Glasgow central committee for the General Strike of 1926.

He participated in stormy unemployed demonstrations from 1931 onwards and led two hunger marches from Glasgow to London in 1934 and 1936 before he volunteered to go to Spain, where he became political commissar, and in 1938 cor-respondent for the Dully

MR KENNETH **DILNOTT-COOPER**

John Hennessy writes:

The death of Kenneth Dil-nott-Cooper, at any time would have been sad for British ski-ing. His loss when only in his fifties at a time when the administration of the sport is in a state of disarray is grievous. Dilnott-Cooper was vice-president of the National Ski Pederation of Great Britain, but in his time he held a number of offices, not only at home but also within the councils of the International Ski Federation. In e sport that tends to live on the edge of hysteria at the best of times, his was always a tranquil voice, his always a moderating hand; his always a civilizing influence.

He was a former manager of the British Olympic team, a role he played to perfection, bridging the gaps between clashing personalities and warring fac-tions with quiet charm and gentle persuasion. He was a successful fund-raiser and was responsible for the appeal on behalf of our team in Inns-He leaves a widow, Winifred, and one son.

Colonel William Cyrus Clissitt, OBE, TD, editor of the Evening, Express, Liverpool, from 1928 to 1954 and secretary of the Press Council from 1960 to 1968, died on December 13 in his eightieth year.

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6.50. Canon J. A. Rejolice in the solution of the control of the contr the Library Association has pub-lished a new edition of its direc-tory of Northern Ireland libraries to mark the centenary of the ing he went into banking, but soon left that occupation for journalism, for which he had always had a yearning. SI COLUMBA'S Church of Scot-ind), Point Street: 11, Sunday School hristness, Pageant: 6.30, Nine Lessons His first newspaper appointment placed him as a junior on Science report Lorg (Anon). the ector: 1 (1914).

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COUCH: S. 6.30 (Broadcast, Radio 4),

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ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington. CROWN COURT CHURCH Church the old Derby Deily Express, at three shillings and ninepence a week. After other newspaper of Scotland). Russell Street. Covent Carden: 11.15, Rev J. Miller Schitt 5.50, Festival of Nine Lessons and Medicine: Lung damage 6.30. Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.
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Air Commodore Sir Peter Vanneck, Lord Mayor

of London, at a Christmas pudding tasting at

Church news

Diocese of Leicester

Diocese of Ely
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Diocese of Exeter

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The Rev E. B. Bull, Vicer of Dunton Russett. to be also Rural Dean of Gurblatzon J.

The Rev A. Horbert, priest-in-tharps of SI Chilabort's. Durkam, to be Vicer of Barrow-upon-Soar.

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Diocese of Sheffield.

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Resignations
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Sir Oliver Charles Earle Weiby, sixth baronet, of Granthem, former High Sherff of Lincolnshire, left

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Jefferson, Dr Keith Edmund, of Bovingdon, Hertfordshire, and Marylebone, London, radiologist £137,102

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Beckman, Mrs Lily, of Marylebone, London 5217,574

Coomes, Mr Walter Victor, of Blackheath, London ... £364,768

Sharpthorne, West Sussex

Funeral service

Baroness Spencer-Charchill

The Rev J. E. James officiated yesterday when Baroness Spencer-Churchill's ashes, according to her wishes, were placed in Sir Winston Churchill's grave at Bladon.

At the funeral service, which

At the funeral service, which took place privately on Thursday at Holy Trinity, Brompton, the Rev Raymond Turvey officiated, assisted by the Rev Philip Hayllar. Those present included members of Baroness Spencer-Churchill's family, friends and members of the staff. Cremation took place afterwards at Putney Vale Crematorium, when the immediate members of the family were present. The Rev Philip Hayllar conducted the service.

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His Dr. Eric Abbott.
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seemed to be throwing orange peel at each other than watching the cricket when Brearley played the slow left-arm spinner, Qasim, to short third man. Sent back by Boycott when he started on a single Resaley slipped in turning and was beaten by Wasim Raja's return. Had he been in musing, rather than crepe or rubber soles, Brearley might have got back, but outer studie are seldom worn for batting.

Off the last badl of the next over Rose was leg-before wicker, saining to play Sarfraz to midwicket. Had Boycott been given out leg-before to Sarfraz soon afterwards, as he nearly must have been 60 for three, as it was they were 52 for two at bea, Pakistan having played some thoroughly good coicket during the afternoon. In the half hour's play that was possible afterwards Randad! three times cut the slow bowlers for four, the last dine just before the first cheir became air-borne.

Of the four Pakistan wickets to fail this monthing, before Wasim Bari declared, three were taken by Cope and one by Meller. Cope's were the first cheir became air-borne. The first bell Qustin cope is were the first cheir became for ward to his first bell Qustin edged it to slip, where Brearley threw hinself forward for what was claimed as a catch and given by the under air in the style of a hover who

declared was just about par for the course.

By way of a postscript, when Mudassar Nazir reached his hundred yesterday evening he and dis father. Nazar Mohammad, joined the Nourses of South Africa and the Pataudis and the Amarnaths of India as the other father and son combinations to have scored Test hundreds.

Nazar is one of Palistam's two

Total (2 wirts)

ther riot, more serious than clay's, ended play an hour in the first Test march be-1 England and Pakistan here a England and Pakistan here afternoon. This time the us of the trouble were clearly ical, the supporters of Mrs stat Bhutto, who had come to ground before tea, taking the rounity of demonstrating in a utent manner their support for husband's People's Political v. England at the time were at two in reply to Pakistan's innings total of 407 for nine ared.

imings total of 407 for nine ared. hen calm, or relative calm, been restored, and the ares went out to inspect the 1, by now littered with bottles, is and stones, they were suffitly affected by the tear gas, is and stones, they were suffitly affected by the tear gas, is and stones, they were fitting affected by the tear gas, is all the police, as is usually the case trouble-makers and still hung the play would be possible. I police, as is usually the case these cricketing disorders, had ned only to aggravate matters in they moved ston action. I awing ben diverted from the in gate to the women's stand, administration and administration. I have been out in quick cession. There being a restriction the process of steadying land's innings after Brearley I Rose had been out in quick cession. There being a restriction the process of steadying the tial law administrators, a wid of 30,000 at a Test match rides a rare chance of drawattention to a cause.

self forward for when was claimed by the critial law administrators, a will of 30,000 at a Test match vides a race chance of drawattention to a cause. It is a the cricket ay ended in hospital, where she it three stitches in a head wound it to have ben inflicted by a iceman's Lath.

That will have to be decided torrow, which is the rest day the Test match, is how to ene conditions in which it is sible to have a worthwhile ne of cricket. If that cannot done there will be little point continuing with the tour. The ple one is sorriest for are the c cricket lovers, and there are of of these, as well, of course, the Pakistan team. No one and have looked more crestien than they did when they it the field this afternoon, with railings in front of the popular nd being torn from their kets. Pakistan had bowled and ded splendidly, too, keeping cott at full stretch to survive.

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Nazar is one of Pakistam's two national coaches. In 1952, against India in Lucknow, he had been on the field for the whole match when Pakistam won it after a quarter of an hour's play on the fourth day. In Pakistam's first innings he carried his bat for 124 not out, made in Shr 30min. In this present match, by lasting for 9hr 35min Mudassar showed himself, indeed, to be a chip off the old stone-waller—or should I say blocker?

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Mudassar Nazar, c and b Miller 18
Shaliaus Ahmed, c Rose, b Old O Haroon Rashid, c and b Lavar 124
Abdul Gadr, I-b-w, b Miller 12
Abdul Gadr, I-b-w, b Cope 12
Abdul Gadr, I-b-w, b Cope 17
Sarfraz Revez, b Cope 17
Sarfraz Revez, b Cope 18
Liqual Ali, not out 0
Extras (b 1, b-b 4, a-b 17) 22
Total (9 wits doc) 407

prim.
For England's first wicket bycott and Brearley had added in rather over two hours, though Brearley paid the compliment of rating his bumper-proof cap, and in spite of Sarfra's record ainst Boycott, whose wicket he is had several times, it was the bung leg-spin bowler Abdul dir, who caused them the most ter only four overs, with 10 inutes to go to lunch, and funched him with four men close the bat. This was a good piece captaincy, and Qadir, who is responded well to it, bowling incely a loose ball and throwing the occasional googly. What is against him was the slowness the pinch and its lack of

the middle of the afternoon b) the module of the afternoon c spectators were showing their rst signs of resdessness. Runs kre few and, although Brearley us edging the odd leg-break isse to slip, no wickets were FALL OF WICKETS: 1—53, 2—55.
BOWLING (to date): Surfac, 12—55.
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G. Roope, G. Miller, C. Old, †R. Yaylor, G. Cope, J. Lever, R. Wills to bal.

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last night. Arnold said: ushtaq lacked communication Mushad lacken communication in the players. He attended its about half the selection communic meetings when captain and carely attended second team actives.

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Arnold added that, in spite of the recent High Court decision on Kerry Packer's players, the Northamptonshire committee had not considered offering him terms as a player next season. Mushtaq, himself, has been reported as saying he would not play for the county again. "Counties will be allowed only two overseas players next season and Northamptonshire already have Sarfraz. We hope to sign another overseas player Criticism of Mushtaq Moham-id's captaincy of Northampton-ire was made by Peter Arnold,

Second division irmingham v Everton Blatkhurn v Millwall Lezmington v Southend heisea v Norwich Blackpool v Southampton Blyth Spartan y Chesterfield (2.0) oventry v Arsenal Bristol Rov v Sunderland Carlisle v Chester

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> SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier divi-Halifax v Rochdale Huddersfield v Wimbledon Rotherham v Spennymoor Scottish second division Cowdenbeath v Strangaer

> > Meadowbank v Albion Rov

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LONGON LEAGUE: Bromley Puriley: Guilditord v Beckenbant; Hampsiegd v St Albann; Hawiss v Southgate; Old Mingstonans v Hounslow; Richmond v Birkheuth; Slough v Tuks-Hill: Sponcer v Cheam: Surbiton v Dujscich: Ted ingion v Reading; Wimbledos v Malenhead.

OTHER MATCHES: Eastcot v Methon, women's Count v Canterbury; Mid-Surrev v Merton, women's Count v Match. Lacrosse SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE:
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Puricy Second devalor: Kenion A v
Puricy 'B'. Puricy 'A' v St Holler.
Third division: Barnet v St Heller 'B'.
Croydon 'A' v Buchharst Hill 'B'.
Hillerof' A v Boxleyheath 'A'.
Puricy 'C' v Beckhanham 'A'.



Injury to Hookes the only blow

Sydney, Der 16.—David Hookes suffered a broken jaw to provide the only blow to Kerry Facker's world series cricket match between an Australian XI and a West Indies XI here today. He was on 81 when he retired, the notal being 176 for five.

The crowd of 7,520, many of them school children, was three times as great as on the opening day of the first match in Melbourne two weeks ago. But the severe injury to Hookes—a double fracture of the jaw—was a bitter blow to Packer's Australian XI, who batting has already been weakened by the loss of Redgath. Hookes, aged 22, is espected to be out of action for six weeks after being struck by a bouncer from Roberts.

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Hookes's unbeaten innings helped the Australians to recover to 251 all out, after being 39 for five. At close of play the West indians were 33 for no wicker in their first innings.

Hookes and Marsh had put on a the first over after tea, Hookes missed a hook shot and was hit. He had to be assisted from the hitch.

However after tea, Hookes watched a world series night match in Melbourne two days ago.

"It looks: Hke we're finally on our wety," a spokesman said. The spokesman added that he believed the total attendance of 7,520 was

about normal for what could be expected on the first day of a traditional Test march in Sydney. Although the crowd proved nearly doubler the figure of 3,930 in Perth for the first day of the second Test between Australia and India, it is difficult to draw conclusions; from this comparison, Sydney is hearly six times larger than Perth.

B. McCosker, c Lloyd, b Roberts Land, 15-w. b Garner, b M. Chappell, c Garner, b Holding S. Cappell, c Richards, b Garner S. Cashpen, c. Michards, b. Breat, c. Murray, b. Carrier, F. Kest, c. Murray, b. Carrier, b. Machan, c. Marcay, b. Roberts, Liller, and out.

d. Walker, not out.

Pascone, vm out.

Indians in command until Thomson catches fire

Perth, Dec 16.—Jeff Thomson's brilliantly caught by Gannon at fast bowling brought Australia backward square leg. Australia back into the second Test match and Viswanath flayed the attack against India here today. At the close on the farst day, india were ship of 61 in only 49 minutes the close on the farst day, india were ship of 61 in only 49 minutes. Australian attack into submission when Thomson came on immediately after tea and bowled Visywanath for 38, with a particularly fast ball. In his next over, Amaruath tried to hook a short ball and skied a catch to Gamon at mild-on. 322 for seven after being in command at 224 for two.

Thomson started the slide with a superb display immediately after tea when he took three wickets in 16 balls. Then, in the final 15 minutes, Thomson and Clark each took a wicket. Thomson gave one of his finest and skied a catch to Gamon at mid-on.

Amarusch had shown great sopplication and skill during his 228 minutes at the crease. Then Thomson struck again in his next over, dismissing Patel for three with possibly his finest ball of the day. It reared memacingly, found the edge of Patel's bat and Rixon leapt high to hold the catch.

Kirmani and Vengsarkar then put on 76 before Thomson returned again. His seventh ball lifted sharply and Kirmani edged a catch to Rixon. Clark then removed Vengsarker, who mistimed a pull and Rixon dived to his left to grasp the catch—his fourth of the intings.

INDIA: FIRST INNINGS Thomson gave one of his finest. Test performances to finish with four for \$1 in 19 overs, out an easy-paced pitch in a heatwave. "We are more than content with our position now." Bod Simpson, the Australian capitaln, said at the close of play, "It is a magnificent batting wither."

Bedi won the toss and had no hesitation in batting in perfect, but hot, conditions on a pitch that proved to offer little assistance to the bowlers. Indie began poorly when Clark had Govaskar caught behind for four with the total at 14.

Rut then India took charge with a fine second-wicker partnership of 149 in 165 minutes between Chauhan and Amarusth. Chauhan, recalled to the side after an eight-year absence, was full of confidence and aggression in a sparking innings of 88, including 13 fours, in 195 minutes.

Amarusth tall and elegant, made Amarnath, tall and elegant, made light of being felled by a short ball from Gannon, a fast left hander, the ball before lunch. He went on to master the Australian, attack after lunch in scoting a fighting 90. After Chauhan was out, mistiming a sweep off Simpson, a leg-spin bowler, and being

FA Cup second round

Plymonth v Cambridge Utd

Portsmouth v Swansea

Preston v Wrexham

Shrewsbury v Stockport

Swindon v Brentford

Walsall v Port Vale Walford v Coichester

Wealdstone v Reading Wigan Ath v Shelfield W

NORTHERN LEACUE: Shildon v Tow Law, Horden v Penrith, South Bank v Bishop Auriland Consoli v Wintby Crock v Whiley Bay, Willing-ton v North Sugins, West Auriland v Durham City, Perryshil v Bireinguam.

Procter and Imran give world XI lead

Canberra, Dec 16.-Brisk betti by Proceer, of South Africa, and Imran Khan, of Pakistan, enabled a World XI to take a twoin a world series cricket Country -Cup match here today: Procter med 36 in 19 minutes and Innran 29 in 16 inchanges as the World XI made 203 for six in their 40 overs on the first day of the three-day game. Then, before a crowd of 2,807, the Australians re-plied with 201 for nine in their first innings.

WORLD XI: First binings
Maild Khan Robinson h Mallett
Cantes Abras, Mallett
Zanes, Abras, Mallett
Zanes, Abras, Mallett
E. Barlow, not out
M. Frocier, Gilmour, h Mallett
M. Frocier, Gilmour, h Mallett
Maran Khan, not out Total

PALL OF WICKETS: 1 3
3-114, 4-121, 5-127,

9-114. 4-121. 5-137. 6-16 BOWLING: Prior. 6-10-22 Malone. 8-2-17-0; Gimon. -12-0; O'keefe. 8-1-31 Mallett, 8-0-35-6; I, Chappel AUSTRALIAN XI First immuss
Chappell C Procter, b Barlow
Davis, 1-b-w, b Barlow
Edwards, c Knotz, b Barlow
Lisnager, c Procter, b Woodner
Wasters, b Instan
Tobbascan to South, b Immun
O'Koefe, um out
Malone, b Underwood
Mallott, not out
Extras (h 4, 1-b 7)

M. Amstrath, C. Gannon, B. Thomson
G. Viswanath, b. Thomson
D. Vengsarker, C. Rizon, b. Clark
B. Fetel, C. Rizon, b. Thomson, 38
S. Venknitaraghavan, not out, 11
S. Madan, Lai, not out, 11
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B. Bedd, B. Chambrasekhar to bat, FALL OF WICKETS: 1—14, 2—163, 2—22, 4—229, 5—335, 6—331, 7—335, BOWLENG (to drigh); Thomson, 19— 7—319, BOWLING (to date): Thomson, 19— 1—61—4; Clark 14—0—69—2; Gannon, 13—1—58—0; Marm, 11— 0—65—0; Simpson, 11—0—50—1—

Scottish Cup first round Rugby Union

Caledonian v Inverness Th

Brechin v Falkirk Inter-divisional Final Burntisland v Berwick (2.9) Midlands v North (at Twick 2.15). CSS v Selkirk (2.0) Inter-divisional Play-off Dunfermline v Clyde London V South & S. West (at Twicks ham (11.15). Welsh Cup Second round

Airdrie v Hearts

East Fife v Dundee

Bamslane v Rosslyn Park (2.30)

Bath v Harloquins

Bath v Hosslyn Park (2.30)

Batcheath v Richmand (2.15)

Coverncy v Cloudester

Falmonth v Poesance & N (2.30)

Glamorgan Wdrs v Exeter (2.30)

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Television highlights

Football: Preview (12.20) Racing: Ascot races at 12.50, 1.25, 1.55, 2.30 Badminton: International nournament, Bournamouth (1.0, 2.5)

Table Tennis: Leeds tournament (1.35, 2.40)
Show Jumping: Olympia (3.0, 4.20, about 10.5)
Football: FA Cup draw (5.5);
Match of the Day (about 10.5)

BBC 1-tomorrow Show Jumping: Olympia (4.0) BBC 2-tomorrow Rugby Union: Midlands v North, London v South and South West (4.50)

IBA
Football: Preview (12.35)
Ice Hockey: United States tournament (1.0)
Racing: Nottingham roces at 1.30,
2.0, 2.30, 3.0; Carterick
Bridge races at 1.45, 2.15,
2.45 2.45
Wrestling: Hemel Hemostead pro-motion (4.0)

IBA—tomorrow Football: Big Magch (2.0)

Football

A match of managerial wits as United return to full strength

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent
With most first and second division clubs playing five matches
within the next formight, the question of firms is particularly important. For some, netably Man-chester United, injuries seem especially debilitating, and even liverpool have felt a twinge or two on these winter days that make a cuting comparison with Rome in May when they became Rome in May when they became European champions.

Nottingham Forest, having brought a fresh challenge to the sid fawourites, deserve to have estaped almost to the season's half-way point without too many disruptions. And when their stalwart centre half, Lloyd, broke a bone in his foot last Saturday, the manager, Brian Clough, immediately spent fit 40,000 on Needham, a replacement from Queen's Park Rangers who plays his first match Rome in May when they became Irafford this afternoon.

Trafford this afternoon.

There is no reason to think that the alteration will change the pattern of the team, although Lloyd's strength and experience was crucial to their ability to withstand the pressure from more skillful attacks than they met last season. Not that Mr Clough or his assistant, Peter Taylor, are yet satisfied. Mr Taylor said: "We have never had a settled squad in our years together at different clubs. That would be an unartainable Utopia."

Today's meeting of Forest and Today's meeting of Forest and the sidelines today is jordan, the United will also be a matching of Leeds United forward, who has

managerial with between the Clough and Days Sexton. Both were among the candidates for days while Ajax, of Amsterdam, negotiated for a transfer that now seems to have been abondoned. He is not included against Manchester they were turned dway it was not City at Elland Road and no expension is available. Meanwhile.

behind.

Everton's marvellous sequence of 21 unbeaten matches is testimony to the value of maintaining a winning team. McKenzle, undoubtedly one of the cleverest forwards in Britain, still waits to be invited back into the side and for the game at Birmingham today was not even the automatic choice as substitute.

Another talented player left on the sidelines today is Jordan, the

the England position that Ron Greenwood accepted and though they were turned dway it was not without some words of encouragement. Their clubs were given a special mention when Mr Greenwood talked of the more adventurous spirit spreading through the Eague. It is expected that Mr Sexton will continue his successful association with the England under-21 side and Mr Clough may find a challenge in watching over the youth team.

As to the game at hand, Manchester United are able to announce, their strongest ream because Buchan, Macari and McIlroy have sill recovered from have sill recovered from a head injury that kept him in itospical last weekend. Forest's rapid transfer action and Evertous's confidence after a run of seven games without a change rould allow them both to move even further ahead of the chasing group of five clubs who are all on 23 points. Liverpool, leading the pursuit, will have to traiting the pursuit that he weakened by the loss of James who was burt when playing for Wales in West Germany.

After quietly climbing towards the middle of the first division, for Wales in West Germany.

After quietly climbing towards the middle of the first division, Bristol City this week felt justified in spending £90,000 on Royle who had been on loan from Everton. Royle has a slight hamstring injury but expects to play at Derby County, If he does his duel with McFarland, himself only just back following more hamstring trouble, should be a heavyweight contest within an interesting match.

Postman could send Enfield through

Eleven potential giant killers will be on the prowl in the second round of the FA Cup today. The tie between Nuneaton and Tilbury makes sure that at least one son-league term will go is Bass, a postman, who has through but mine others will be playing for the glory of meeting a first or eccoud division side in the next round.

None has better credentials than Engled, the Isthmian League leaders, who travel to Northampton. Their manager, Ted Hardy, a market porter, has led his team to an unbeaten run of 3t games, action than most small clubs and leader must be more worted than

to an unbeaten run of 31 games, action than most small clubs and including a 3-0 victory over Exeter must be more worded than Wimbledon in the first round.

He said: "We have a very Minchead's striker, Veitch, is experienced side and this is our." 6ft 3in and has scored in every

h ager of Middlesbrough, made no secret of his dislike of the sudden death in cap football, must be dreading. Sheffield Wednesday's visit to Wigan, who expect to have the biggest attendance of the second round—15,000. Wednesday, who set the Wigan ground record 49 years ago, give Grant, a 17-year-old defender, his first appearance.

Yesterday's football Third division

Rugby Union

Gifford and Adey drop out of Midlands side

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent
The North, warm favourites to win England's new divisional championships at Twickenham this afternoon (2,15), should field their chosen side but the Midlands, who oppose them, will be rive men short of what their selectors regard as the strongest combination. Migel Horton has commitments in Toulbuse and now, in addition to the withdrawal of Pener Wheeler and Geoffrey Svans on Thursday, there is news that Christopher Gifford and Gary Adey are out of the reckoning, too.

Gifford, who went so well with The morning game signals the

Gifford, who went so well with Martin Cooper when the Midlands beat the South and South the England centre. Charles West at Bath last Saturday, has bronchitis, and Adey is still bronchied by the hip injury he interesting conflict at No 8 beincurred when scoring a try in that game. Their absence means chances for two of the most promising young players in the group—lan Peck at scrum-haif, and Nicholas Jeavons at No 8. Wheeler has decided to give his injured shoulder at least another week's rest, and it may be that he will get back into action when the Barbarlans visit Leicoster on December 27. Evans still nurses a tweaking hamstring; so both he and Wheeler yield their places, for the second week' running, to Carre, Cox and Paul Dodge.

the Barbarians visit Lescester on December 27. Evans still nurses a tweaking hamstring; so both he and Wheeler yield their places, for the second week running, to Garry Cex and Paul Dodge.

Spectators who feel like making a day of it are offered two matches for the price of one, London and the South and South West (last week's losers) starting the ball rolling at what many rugby men will regard as the ungody hour of 11.15. Manufual West (last week's losers) starting admiration for him as man and the ball rolling at what many rugby men will regard as the ungody hour of 11.15. Manufaal customers will find an already much changed London side now weakened by the withdrawal of

to dirty play...The chairman of on selectors. Sandy Sanders, said syesterday that he had told all the England players last year that rough play was out. "I shall a repeat that warning again through the chairman of each divisional side", he added. "There were incidents at Bath last week that went beyond what I am prepared to accept and from now on the went beyond wish I am prepared to accept and from now on the players will know that their places in the final trial, and England team, cound be in jeopardy. Our record last season in this respect was excellent, and I hope players will continue to show control under pressure."

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Referee: A. Welsby (Lancashire).
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New places await new faces in Europe

By Richard Streeton

Representative England rugby the family player in the France next year for the first time. England B. will play two matches in Romania in early May and England Under 23 will play the full Neitherlands XV in a match at Hilversum, provisionally, on May 6.

The Romanian visit will be formed to the Residual Control of the R in Romania in and England Under-23 play the full Netherlands XV in a match at fillversum, provisionally, on May 6.

The Romanian visit will be England's first matches at B level, which are restricted to players who have not won full caps. The under-23 firstum is to mark the opening of a new Dutch national rugby stadium. England's under-22 frame is to mark the opening of a new Dutch national rugby stadium. England's under-22 frame will also play an English Students XV at Wilmslow on April 12 next year.

The full England national side will play three matches in and will also visit Town 2 Far Early and 2 Far Early a

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For the first time the RPU are For the first time the RPU are to bring an overseas coach to England under their auspices. Bill Freeman, the national New Zealand Director of Coaching, will visit a number of English counties between January 26 and February 19. It will be left to each country to arrange its own coaching clinic but Mr Freeman has been asked to concentrate on the principles of rucking the way has been asked to contentate on the principles of rucking; the way back row forwards are coached in New Zealand; and the tech-niques of half back play and particularly scrum-half passing strills

The invitation to Mr Freeman arose from the visit this year to the RFU's technical administrafrom tehe New Zealand coach 35. Sir Anthony said. The RFU are help youth rugby in the Avon and Birmingham areas which, if they prove worth while, could be intro-duced elsewhere in the future.

Slough are in no apparent danger

can turn in a superb performance. There is no serious challenge for Southgate, who should hold second position, but Guildford, lying third, will have to work

hard against Beckenham.

There is much at stake for fough this season. They are defending their national club title and have qualified to meet Guildford in the south final, for which event no dare has set hoo fired. event no date has yet been fixed. In view of the prevailing fixture congestion a convenient date for this match cannot easily be found—a sinuation arising out of the postponement of the semi-final round by a week in order to await the return of the stars from India. There is another more important objective for Slough—the European club championship in Bercelona from May 12 to 15 next year. Southgate have won the

next March 2 a decision will be taken on a recommendation that the London League be split for a trial period of three seasons, starting from 1978-79, into two divisions, with prontotion and relegation. Meanwhile the executative committee of the Hockey will be no outdoor counter will be no outdoor counter attraction when the six nation tive committee of the Hockey indoor tournament is played at the London League have to 15. The same situation will apply to the Indoor Hockey New tournament at Watford on January 31, 1978.

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In the nothern division of the London Hockey League and to make recommendations by League and the London Hockey L quarter-final round at Newcastle tomorrow, starting at 2.0. The winners will meet Norton in the semi-final round on January 15, Salva Errors 5. Descrit Red Wings 5. Philasella Errors 6. Boston Bruins 5. Colorland Bruins 5. Salva 7. Los Angles Kings 5. Salva 7. Los Angles Kings 5.

By Sydney Friskin

Slough's position at the top of the London Hockey League, with a percentage of 87.50, seems unlikely to be lost today unless Tulse; now in twelfth position, can turn in a superb performance. There is no serious challenge for Southgate, who should hold second position, but Guild. taken on a recommendation that consequence, the situation is ideal the Loudon League be split for a for those who want the best of

Rugby union CLUB MATCH: Plymouth Albion Rosslyn Park (2.50)

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Barrow (2.30):

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIORSHIP North (quarter-final found): S George's Winston (at Nawcastle, 2.01.

Racing Correspondent

For the second Saturday in succession Fred Winter and John Francome look like being at the centre of racing's stage. They won three races at Cheltenham a week ago and today they appear to have an excellent chance of winning another two at Ascot with Midnight Court has been firmly entrenched as favourite to win the SGB Handicap Steeplechase ever since betting began on the race earlier this week, even though it is possible to make out a case for Ghost Writer. At Ascot last month Midnight Court beat Ghost Writer by five lengths when he won the Kirk and Kirk Handicap Steeplechase over today's distance and this afternoon Ghost Writer will be meeting him on 10th better terms.

Some would consider that to be a sufficiently big advantage to enable Ghost Writer to get his revenge, especially on a course where he has excelled so often. But by all accounts Midnight Court was more impressive than even the wide margin by which he won might suggest, and in the circumstances I will not be surprised if he manages to beat Ghost Writer again. Midnight Court is four years younger than his rival and still improving.

Whatever else he actieves, Ghost Writer should certainly minage to beat My Friendly Cousin and valabaloo. They were both behind him at the end of the Kirk and Kirk Steeplechase and he will be meeting them on the same terms. Tim Forster won noday's main race for the first and only time in 1973 with Mocharabuice, and in an attempt to win it again he is

and Exeter

ALSO RAN: 5-2 Ski Shop (4th 8-1 Heard Gear, 9-1 Brave Money, 14-The Lathini, 20-1 Runger Democ, 25-Mostremula, Bright Bary, Gold Stic Kitten Cat, Plumbers Bridge, Techny Woodsands inp. Frying Gambl Follow The Leader, Cerbon, 18 ran.

12.30 (12.31) KENTON STEEPLE CHASE (Handicap: 5634: 2m .40yd

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2m 40yds)
Marine Parade, b h. by Behistoun
—Dido's Grandaughter (M. Pipa).
7-11-7 R. Aikins (11-2) 1
Flagsleff ... G. Thurser (8-1) 2
Sentharmer ... P. Haynes (5-4 fav.) 2

.TOTE: Win, 92p; places, 25p, £2.15. R2p: dual forecan. £11.52, P. Balley. at Wantage. 10i, 5i.

Results at Devon | Ascot programme

by the rising Midnight Court

beginning of November, Master Spy has a good chance of even beating Midnight Court. However, he dropped out of the race for the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup rather tamely later in the month and I prefer Midnight Court, whose record this season speaks for itself.

Winner is understandably keen to win the Killiney Novices Steeplechase with Snow Flier for his owner, Enid Boucher, because

the race is named after her very promising young steeplechaser who made such a hige impact during the winter of 1972-73 be-

fore he was fatally injured in a fall at Ascot that spring. And in spite of the fact that the Black and White Whisky Gold Cup winner. Artifice, is also in the field Winter should achieve his soal.

Last season Snow Filer ran only once, but even then he did enough to suggest that his trainer was not barking my the wrong tree. Indeed his second to Border

[Television (BBC1): 12.50, 1.25, 1.55 and 2.30 races]

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12.50 KILLINEY STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £1,634: 21m)

12.15 LONG WALK HURDLE (£3,059 : 31m)

1.25 SGB HERE SHOP HURDLE (£2,863 : 2m)

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1.55 SGB STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £4,708: 3m)

Catterick Bridge programme [Television (IBA): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races]

1.15 BRADFORD HURDLE (Handicap: £383: 2m)

2.45 GUS CARTER HURDLE (Handicap : £844 : 2m)

3.15 LEEDS JUVENILE HURDLE (Div II : £536 : 2m)



A piece of cake. Berna, clearing the last fence, sets an unbeatable target.

Miss Bradley bakes herself a **Christmas Cake in 46 seconds** Yet all truly dedicated horsemen find it impossible to break away from the heady amosphere of the show ring, so Schockemothe has lived up on the other side of the fence and, with his influence knowledge of the game, will assuredly become as likustrious a fence archinect as he was a rider, until back trouble put a premature end to his career. Seven women riders from the three-day event world, captained by the 1968 Olympic team gold medal winner, Jane Holderness-Roddam, won the Harris Carpets eventers' match with 12 faults to 20 against seven male riders captained by Christopher Collins on Stephen's Society. John Whitaker, at 20 the youngest of four Yorkstire show jumping brothers, who so narrowly missed his place in the last British Olympic team when Rynt's Son stopped three times in the limil trial at Hickstead, won the first international competition on Thursday alght. He received his roopty from the Duchess of Kem. Eddie Macken, now operating from Ireland, again after three years in Germany, was runner up with the only other clear ropud on Boomerang, his golden handshake from Doctor Schapka, whose horses he rode. Kerrigold (formerly Pele) is out in the field in co Meath, having been laid off since he won at Palerma in the anumn. On Graf, the grey Holstein horse

By Pameia Macgregor-Morris

Caroline Brackey, who as the
third-ranking rider in Britain this
year was overtaken only by David
Broome and Harvey Smith, made
her first appearance in the winner's enclosure at Olympia yesterday. Rading Lady Incincape's chestnut gelding, Berna, bought in the
Netherlands but bred in Ireland as
his appearance expensive traitcases ner gestung, Berna, bought in me Netherlands but bred in feeland as his appearance strongly indicates, she won the Harris Carpets Christmas Cake Stakes.

Drawn first in the barrage, she set an unbeatable target, clear again in 46sec dead, to win from James Kernan, Ireland's former junior European champion, on Condy (48.9sec), owned by his father, a North of Ireland dealer from Consmaglen, Frank Kernan.

Third place went to a Belgian rider, Christian Huysegroms, on Katapuite. Nick Skelton, just returned from a highly successful returned from a highly successful returned from a lighty successful with Ted and Elizabeth in far and the Everest Double returned from the course, 45.6 sec. But his former European champion was folded at the last fence, coming out of a double.

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Alan Bail, the senior course
builder to the British Show
Jumping Association, who learnt
his craft from the first man to
win the King George V Cop three
times, the Rate Colonei Jack Talbot-Ponsonby, has acquired a distinguished pupil of his own. Atwin
Schockembine, the European
champion hung up his boots a
the end of last season after 16
years in the West German team,
with whom he won a gold medal
in the Rome Olympics and in
Tokyo and Munich.

over his disqualification

Abbas Kaoud plans to lodge a protest with the Squash Rackets Association over his disqualification from the Dunloy Trophymatch between the amateurs and professionals at Wembley on Thursday might. He was disqualified by Peter Booth, the referee for persistent arguing during his match with Ian Robinson, England's No 2 amateur.

When Kaoud was ordered off court, he was two games and 3—7 down. He said: "I have played squash for 20 years and never been disqualified. I will write to the SRA and give my version of the match." Persistent arguments over lets and penalty points led to Kaoud's dismissal, but Booth was adamant that Kaoud was in the wrong. "It is the first time I have disqualified a player in my

Motor racing

Mosport circuit found to

be inadequate

Paris, Dec 16.—International motor racing authorities have banned the use of the Mosport circuit for the scheduled 1978 Canadian Grand Prix, Pierre Uguex, the president of the sports ruling body, said here today.

Mr Uguex said that the circuit had been found to be inadequate on safety and organizational grounds this year. He said the international sporting commission was awaiting proposals from Canada for another track for the grand prix. Mr Uguex also formally and united States in tomorrow's sent-nonneed that there would be no Japanese Grand Prix in 1978.

Kaoud to protest | Miss Barker spoils the Guerrant radio show

Sydney, Dec 16.—Mona Guerrant, of the United States, baffled tournament officials today by enlisting radio technology in an effort to improve her game. Playing in the New South Wales open champlonships, she pluaged a small receiver into her ear from timeto time to receive instructions from her husband, Terry.

He was perched high in the stands with a walkie-talkie transmitter, complete with a 4ft serial. "I don't know if it's legal or not", Bill Gilmour, the tournament referce, said. "I've never heard of it happening before."

Mr Gilmour told Mr Guerrant earlier in the tournament that he must not speak to his wife while she was on court. Neither of the Guerronts would comment on the radio and their ingenuity in using it proved to be of no avail. Mrs Guerrant lost 6-4, 7-5 to Susan Barker in today's quarter-final round.

Miss Barker said she was smaware that Mrs Guerrant was scanlon and Vitas Gernality in using it proved to be of no avail. Mrs Guerrant to the finals in New York next week.

American's dominated the play with Brian Teacher thrashing Bill tound.

Miss Barker said she was smaware that Mrs Guerrant was small seemi-final round.

autumn. On Graf, the grey Holstein horse

on which he will attempt to break-the 40-year-old Brilish high jump-record of 7ft 51m on Saturday night, Harvey Smith retired with 18 faults, including two

Barker in 1000y's quantitation round.

Miss Barker said she was using the radio, adding: "It doesn't worry me. Everyone has coaches, whether they're on the court or in the grandstand", she added. "It doesn't give her a new formathend or backhand, using radar

S Africa surprise Italy

Miami Beach, Florida, Det 16.
—South Africa upset the secondranked Italy here in the quarterfinal round of the Sunskine Cup,
acknowledged as the Davis Cup
for jumor tennis players. The
unseeded South Africans easily
disposed of Italy, 2—0, yesterday
and now play the fourth-ranked
Italy and now play the fourth-ranked for eliminating Spain, 2—1.

In the other semi-final round
match, France, the top seeds, will
match, France beat Sweden, 2—0.

Aggentian needed a doubles victory to beat West Germany, 2—1.

BESULTS: United States beat Saves and Saves and

set on a bend after the double which was the downfall of many

which was the downfall of many short-striding horses. David Broome and Philco, Britain's leading combination last season, were unlucky not to qualify for the final; having rolled a pole from the parellel which formed the first part of a one-stride, two-stride treble.

reble.
Geoffrey Glazzard was the first to chart the barrage course on the evergreen Pennwood Forgenill, but his good time of 29.7 sec, the

evergreen Pennwood Forgenill, but his good time of 29.7 sec, the optimum, was marred by a falling pole from the upright going out of the treble. Then Hendrick Stock; riding Gay Lord for West Gernany, felled the oxer in the middle of the combination and had another fence down in a time that was five seconds slower.

Michael Saywell on Trevor Banks's Casique had two down, including the last part of the demanding treble, before Macken came safely through the combination to record the first clear round, in 32.8sec, on Boomerang. It seemed as though the Horse of the Year Show was with us all over again, where two months ago Macken won the International Spuris as the leading rider of the week, narrowly defeating Broome in the final classified competition. But John Whitesker and Ryan's Son, who has a kickback reminiscent of Will White's 1952 Olympic team gold medal winner, Nizefela, was more than a match for them, clear in a winning time of 31.6sec.

HARRIS CARPETS CHRISTMAS

rigoname inclues a nondies vic-tory to beat West Germany. 2—1. RESULTS: United States beat Spain. 2—1: France beat Sweden. 2—0: South Africa beat linly. 2—0: Asper-tins beat West Germany. 2—1.— Reuter.

Skiing

Downhill trials marred by injuries on fast course

Val Gardeus, Imily, Dec 15.—The Swiss veteran Bernhard Russi, hurt his right knee again here today in the trials for the men's world cup downhill and sald he was a doubtful starter for the event on Sunday. Rusei had Injured his knee in a fall at Crans Montana, Switzerland, during the trials for the world series downhill two weeks ago.

He had fallen in vesterday's trials, and needed bandages for a cre hand with which he could cridly hold his pole. He did not cridly hold his chest muscles and would he was taken to a precautionary measure, but doctors and would he was taken to a precautionary measure, but doctors and would his chest muscles and would have his begin to course is considered the tastest in the world. The Austrian have called it the "autobahn" or high w

St of a pulled muscle". Russi has taken it easy in the trials left. "Now I am all a pain and Scel sore everywhere." only 2:7.76. Michel Veith, of West Germany, was the fastest in the course trials. The first week as the fastest in the case in juries in today's trials.

See were several falls, the most —AP.

|Combined trophy for Oxford by huge margin

From a Special Correspondent Flaine, France, Dec 16

Oxford swept to victory in the university sking championships here by taking six out of the top seven places in the stalom. Anthony Ayles, of Combridge, came first easily, taking the combined title with a masterful display of slalom technique over a fast, open course on hard snow.

Sandy Russell, however, led the Oxford team in the next six places which were spread over five seconds before Simon Rigby achieved the second fastest time for Cambridge.

Oxford won the combined trophy by a huge margin.

RESULTS: Stalom: 1. A. Ayles (Cambridge) 1 119. 1 25. 1 25. 1 7. 1 25.6; 1 25. 1 7. 1 25.6; 1 25. 1 25 Flaine, France, Dec 16

Sedgefield

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(13.72; 3m)

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ALSO RAN: 4-1 Hopeful Bloom, 15-2

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ALSO RAN: 4-1 Hopeful Bloom, 15-2

Elicity Fillip Green, 35-1 Acropola (D), Biologo Pander, Conthinugh, French Pin, 33-1 Lorde, Filly Schr. Pericci Match (p), Shockproof, Rogal Isle (p), 16 nan.

TOTE: Win, 11-2 Re-Lock (p), 50-1 10, 159; dual forecast, 71p, Miss (Iffers, 10), 11-2 Re-Lock (p), 50-1 10, 159; dual forecast, 71p, Miss (Handicap), 71.

TOTE: Win, 11p: dual forecast, 47p; J. Berry, at Lancastar, 81, 41

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Fidier on the Hoof R. Barry (100-30) 2
The Fencer G. Faulkner (5-2 fav) 3

Ghost Writer likely to be haunted | Enigmatic Banlieu has

David Morley is launching a powerful raid on Nottingham this afternoon. The Bury St Edmunds amerupon. The sury St Edmunds trainer's best chances would appear to lie with Havanus in the Ouzo Novices Steeplechase and Banileu in the Stan Mellor and Banileu in the Stan Memor Cup.
Havanus, an outstanding young introller two seasons ago, showed that he had taken well to fences when beating Line Shooter easily by six lengths at Newbury. The form is suspect as the runner-up has disappointed twice since then. But Havanus was backward in condition and totally unfancted

if he fails to win again this afternoon.

If Decent Fellow is to win the Irish Sweeps Handle at Leopardstown on December 27 he must first win the SGR. Hire Shop Hurdle. Last season he won four of his six races before proving capable of also winning a race as tough as the John Porter Stakes on the first at Newbury in April. Rumming again for the first time under Netionsid Hunt rules this season, Decent Fellow won the Berkshire Hurdle at Newbury last mouth. That race showed that he was in top form and at his best he certainly ought to be capable of beating the likes of Kybo and Western Rose.

Finally, the distance of the Long Finally, the distance of the Long Walk Hurdle is surely tailor-made to sait John Cherry. He jumps well enough and there are few better stayers in training on the flat, especially when there is some

Winter should achieve his roal.

Artifice must give Snow Flier 10 lb and unless Winner is guilty of making a collossal misjudgment Snow Flier could turn out to be a horse capable of giving as much as 10 lb even to a horse of Artifice's class. Winner's eyes light up when he talks about Snow Filer, who he has always maintained could be a horse capable of winning the Gold Cup at Cheltenham one day.

Last season Snow Filer ran

praise that has constantly been showered upon his head. Admittedly he may not have beaten much, but there was no mistaking his great potential and it will be both surprising and disappointing if he fails to win again this aftercome.

tree. Indeed his second to Border Incident at Ascot was only sufficient to suggest that he would reap a rich harvest during the coming weeks. Unfortunately snow Filer injured himself soon afterwards and Winter had no option but to forget about him Evenbally Snow Filer made his long and eagerly awaited reappearance at Chepstow a formight ago and duly lived up to the lavish Irish Sweeps Hurdie at Leopardstown on December 27. Meladon, who beat Decent Fellow by three-quarters of a length in last season's Daily Express Triumph Hurdie, is second in the betting at 4-1. Another home-trained contender, Rare Gold, is the best of the others at 8-1.

only himself to beat

in condition and totally unfancted by his connexions. On the five-year-old's next outling at Ascot, he was camering in the lead some 10 lengths clear of the eventual winner, Pavement Artist, when he winner, ravenesit, Artsi, when he lost his concentration approaching the last jump and fell. Considering that Pavement Artist had already won five of his seven completed outings over feaces, it was no mean achievement for Havanus to have been travelling so smoothly at the time of this disaster. so smoothly at the limb of this disaster.

King Weasel will make a formidable antagonist. His trainer, Peter Easterby, has already saddled this Irish import to capture four novice steeplechases in succession. Apart from his defeat of Checkov at Wetherby, King Weasel has beaten little of account, but could hardly have accomplished his job in easier fashion, King Weasel is the most experienced of the two rivals and his form over hurdles in Ireland last season was about the same

Ascot selections

as Havaring's in this country.

Havarins, however, appears to have by far the greater potential.

Apart from that one lapse at Ascot, he has jumped quickly and accurately and is a firm

beat. Banlieu has only himself to overcome in the long distance; handicap. The seven-year-old only races when he feels like it. Judged on the basis of his only outing this season, when fourtisto Bachelor's Hall, in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup. Bandlieu is easily the pick of the weights.

weights.

But last year after finishing third to Zeta's Son in the big race at Newbury. Banlien faileds to win this race. He only decided to run between the last two fences. Finishing like a train, he was beaten a neck by Irish Tony. In the hopes that Bob Davies can persuade the reiding to pick up his bridle at an earlier stage this afternoon, Banlieu is taken to prove too good for Roaring Windland Fettimist.

In the day's most valuable

and Fettimist.

In the day's most valuable event, the Joe Coral Golden Hurdle qualifier, Morley runs Tragus, a gelding who revels in the prevailing soft ground. The winner of five races last season, Tragus is still reasonably handle capped, and ran like a horse returning to his best when fifth in Tara Dream at Ascot. Grittar and Son and Heir should also give good account of themselves, but my idea of the likely winner is Josh Gifford's Southern Darling, who also shaped like a future winner when third to Staccato at Towcester. That race was over Towcester. That race was over two miles, and over this afternoon's longer distance Southern Darling's stamina may gain the

acceptance. The limits should con-cern Double Bluff, who has twice been beaten since winning at Leicester and The Tista who would have made Royal Major fight harder for his money at

410 020-403 Arcite Heir (C-D) (J. Thorne), Thorne, 8-10-6. P. Hobbs, 411 075-120 Valabaloo (J. Deaft), P. Cundell, 8-10-3. M. O'Hallorze, 5-1 Midnight Court, 4-1 Ghost Witter, 6-1 My Friendby Cousts, 8-1 Master, 12-1 Vulabeloo, Arcite Heir, 16-1 Ballymore, New Formula.

230 PROGMORE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,875: 2m)

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3.0 HAMPTON COURT HURDLE (Handicap: £1.147: 21m) Off011-0 His Top (E. Wheatley), F. Rimell, 8-12-0 Mr E. 13-300 Timbes Rixim (Mrs A. Wates), A. Wates, 5-11-15 1-14012 Twidnie (D) (Mrs G. Rees), J. Wilson, 4-11-10

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By Our Racing Correspondent 12.15 John Cherry, 12.50 SNOW FLIER is specially recommended. 1.25 Decent Fellow, 1.55 Midnight Court, 2.30 Early Spring, 3.0 Bilston, By Our Newmarket Correspondent 12.15 John Cherry. 401 2-12422 Ghost Writer (C-D) (R. Smith), F. Walwyn, 10-12-0 W. Smith 403 512-111 Midelphi Court (C-D) (Mrs O. Jackson), F. Winter, 6-12-0 Nottingham programme [Television (IBA): 1.30, 2.0, 2.30 and 3.0 races] 12.15 LEEDS JUVENILE HURDLE (Div I, Pt 1: 3-y-o maidens: 12.30 TON UP HURDLE (4-y-0: £333: 2m) 1.0 OUZO STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £995: 2m) 1 4210-13 Havanas, D. Morier, 5-11-12 B. Davies, D. 200-1777 King Woxes (D): M. H. Easterby, 5-11-12 J. O'Neill 200-1717 Cone Spring (D): W. Gnost, 5-11-11 J. Gnost 15 00- Dalloway, J. Broom, 6-11-2 D. Sunderland 23 113-000 Ousley, Bari Johno. 4-10-7 J. Walkinson 10-11 Havanas, 2-1 King Wessel, 8-1 Come Spring, 10-1 Ousley, 20-1 Dalloway. 12.45 LEEDS TUVENILE HURDLE (Div L Pt. 2: £555: 2m) 1.30 JOB CORAL HURDLE (Qualifier: Handicap: £1,923: 24m) 22 m)

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5 107-900 Tragus, D. Maxley, 5-10-12 B. Davies
7 30011-0 Just Jolly, T. Craig, 5-10-10 A. Carroll
8 1-00003 Master Melody, W. Hackett, 6-10-10 A. Stown 7
12 43-3022 Gritter, F. Gilman, +10-1 J. Craig,
13 p0-020 Degree (9), B. Balding, 6-10-0 R. Baltey
14 00-020 Prescort (9), B. Balding, 6-10-0 Mr J. Cambidge 7
16 021-000 Bensioner W. B. Cambidge, 6-10-0 Mr J. Cambidge 7
16 121-001 Degree (1), B. Gardler, 7-10-0 Mr J. Cambidge 7
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24 2100-0 Ask For Roper (D), M. Tsita, 6-10-0 C. Smith 26 221-0 Shaediast Jac, W. Guest 6-10-0 J. Guest 27 00230 Bloss Memol, H. Ford, 4-10-0 P. Kelly 28 0-9 Pluk Ged, A. Pouls, 5-10-0 P. Kelly 5-1, Scasher, Davies, 11-2 Tragus 6-1 Son and Heir, 13-2 Gritter, 8-1 2.0 STAN MELLOR STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,550: 31m) 2.30 PANAMA CIGAR HURDLE (Qualifier: 4-y-o: £1,482: 2m) 2.15 HUDDERSFIELD STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £937: 2m) 3.0 LINKSLADE HURDLE (Handicap : £569 : 2m) Nottingham selections

12.30 Take Aim. 1.0 Havanus. 1.30 Southern Darling. 2.0 Banlieu. 2.30 The Tista. 3.0 Shore Captain. By Our Newmarket Correspondent

R. Collins
A. First. 5
D. Manness
D. Goulding
C. Rhright
M. Lower 5
S. Charlion 7
T. Hamilton 7

By Our Newmarker Correspondent
1.0 Havanus. 1.30 Tragus. 2.0 Banken. 3.0 Rilke.

Catterick Bridge selections

Ev Our Racing Staff

12.45 Crystal Halo. 12.45 Drummossie. 1.15 Nevertheless. 1.45 Fair Kitty. 2.15 Wylam Boy. 2.45 FLYING HUGUE is specially recommended. 3.15 Wayland Prince. By Our Newmarket Correspondent

3.15 Merchant Tubbs. ALSO RAN: Evens 11-fav Cromwell

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TOTE: Win, 139; dual forecast, 449.

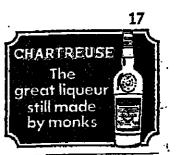
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G. Faulknip (10-11 fav) 3 G. Faulkner (10-11 fev) 3

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BSC makes drastic cut in scrap requirements for the next three months

corporation executives vester-day, said later it was estimated that the BSC would be requiring only between 8,000 and 10,000 tonnes of scrap a week in the first quarter of next year. This is equivalent to the normal intake of one mini-mill that makes steel from scrap fed into an electric arc fumace. BSC executives refused to clarify the

requirements.
Deliveries to the BSC will be the lowest recorded in its 10year history. The cutback is a further illustration of the crisis for the first half of the present financial year amounted to f201m and for the full year are expected to be at least £500m. Boast, executive vice-president further reduction in its buying to expand their sales to third of the BSF, said the move prices that will make the col-countries outside the European reflected the financial constraints on the corporation to scrap uneconomic.

EEC rejects

'trigger' plea

Britain, France and Belgium

veek on demands for a trigger

argued that negotiated agree-ments, rather than the uni-lateral fixing of import prices,

was the best way to protect Community steel manufacturers

against undercutting by foreign

with other measures conceived as the second phase of the Com-

the stricken industry will be put to EEC foreign ministers here next week.

FEC would neither be wise nor

justified in resorting to a refer-

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Brussels, Dec 16

Deliveries of strap to British in normal times the BSC is eries to the iron founding integel. Corporation plants the largest single customer of dustry, private sector steel-hroughout the country are the scrap industry taking about makers and the export market 100,000 tonnes weekly. As a where shipments are ramining at result of the curback, the pro-about 85,000 tonnes a month. The British Scrap Pederation, cessors will have to seen the competition markets where the competition

This is a further blow to scrap processors who have aiready had 18 months of reduced demand and falling reduced demand and falling prices and is bound to increase the number of redundancies in the industry", Mr Boast said. The federation, whose 620 members account for the bulk of the United Kingdom scrap-industry, has so far not been but the numbers of workers being made redundant is rising. The industry will be reduced to about 40 per cent of its normal capacity by the BSC's delivery curback. There are fears among processors that the cor-poration will also implement a

ionir for the financial year. ever, maintaining their deliv-in normal times the BSC is eries to the iron founding in-

their deliveries of scrap, but processors are looking to mini-mil developments, particularly those of Guest, Keen & Nettlefolds and the Greek backed ven-folds and the Greek backed ven-ture, Alpha Steel in South Wales, as a way of reducing the impact of the corporation's cut-What has particularly con-

cerned the scrap industry is the BSC told processors that it didnot expect to drop its requirements to below 35,000 tonnes a week. But with demand for steel extremely weak the cor-poration has built up substantial stocks which provide a fur-ther burden on its already strained finances.

soon by Elliott group chairman

Mr. E. L. V. Smeeth, chairman of Elliott Group of Peter-borough, has said he will resign by the end of the current financial year.
Elliott is the building com-

peny whose directors made controversial share sales after announcing a big Saudi Arabian order which did not materialize. Two non-executive directors. Mr I. D. Waterfall and Mr. J. R. Grimsdale, have already resigned.

Both made substantial sales

of Elliott shares. Institutional hareholders expect that Mr th's resignation will come This follows a meeting on hursday of institutional share

Thursday of institutional share-holders ar which the company was asked for assurances about its present financial position and trading prosperts. Mr A. W. Houston, an indus-trial, adviser to merchant bankers Kleinwort Benson, who was appointed non-execu-tive deputy chairman of Elliott in Abgust, said that the institu-tions were happy with the half-year trading position." Last week Elliott revealed a £247,000 loss for the year to the end of September.

the end of September.

Two new appointments have been made to the Elliotr board, with the agreement of the institutions—Mr T. H. Ison and Mr Paul Smeeth, chief executives of Sharp Brothers & Knight and Elliott Medway Construction, respectively, the two main divisions of the group.

Mr Paul Smeeth is Mr E. L. V. Smeeth's son. It is thought that

Smeeth's son. It is thought that he does not hold any Elliott shares. Mr Houston stressed that the appointment had been made because of Mr Paul Smeeth's performance at Medway Construction. He added that he thought the company now had "a strong and appropriate

It is understood that the national represented at Thursday's meeting did not press for Mr. E. L. V. Smeeth's resignation on the ground that it was necessary to ensure continuity between the old and new boards. Mr E. L. V. Smeeth still holds nearly 190,000 shares in the group.

The board refused to accept his resignation "as it does not consider this to be in the present interests of the group".

Weeks.

Sterling picked up against the basket of currencies to reach 63.7, compared to 63.6 or Thursday. The rate against the dollar was up 85 points at \$1.855, the highest closing level since April, 1976.

Resignation | Opec meeting expected to go ahead despite failure to end pricing split

From Roger Vielvoye Caracas, Dec 16

Venezuelan government officials are fairly certain that next week's meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will take place, despite earlier fears that the price-fixing conference might have to be postponed. First of the ministerial delegates, M Edouard Alexis M'Mbouy-Boutzit, from Gabon, is due to arrive this evening and Mr. Ali Jaidah, the Opec Secretary General, may fly in after a visit to Ecuador, the only other Latin American member of the exporters' organization. Mr Ezzedin Mabruk, the Libyan oil minister, is also due here

Dr Valentin Hernandez, the Venezuelan oil minister, is still in Europe where he has been trying to ensure a compromise on the pricing issue or at least offer Opec members the chance

pened in Qatar last year. From reports reaching the government in Caracas it is efforts to prevent last Decem-clear that Opec is still a long ber's split. However, the key way from the hoped-for agreement over pricing but none of the members is keen to postpone Tuesday's meeting. Saudi Arabia's insistence on

an extension of the price freeze supported by Iran, Abu Dhabi and Qatar, is matched by Iraq and Algeria's argument for substantial price rises. In the middle are the remain

ing six members, including the host. Venezuela, who would be prepared to settle for a 5 per cent to 8 per cent rise, or have not made their views known. For Venezuela, which has a tradition for acting as a media-tor in this type of dispute, the lack of any softening in atti-tudes over the past week pre-sents stern problems.

of postporing the Caracas Political circles here want meeting rather than face Venezuela to continue this another public split, as hap peace-making role and there has been mild criticism that Dr Hernandez did not make greater role played by the minister and President Carlos Andres Perez in ending the two-tiered price system has muted this. Already there is speculation that the prices issue could be

removed from the agenda and deferred until an extraordinary meeting of Opec in late winter or early spring. In effect this would mean that 1977 prices would continue into the first quarter of next year and go part of the way to meeting the moderates' demands. But unless there is an un-

expected upture in demand for oil, postponing the pricing decision until next year would merely defer the inevitable clash between the doves and the hawks.

Cigarette groups plan king size bonus offers By Patrica Tisdall

Incentives giving smokers the equivalent of a 40 per cent price reduction on king size brands are being prepared by the big cigarette producers in readiness for a new tobacco tax effect on January 1. Imperial Tobacco, which pre-

cipitated an industry price war-last year, is offering smokers of its John Player King Size brand 40 cigarettes free for every 200

The discounts are intended to stop smokers drifting to rival manufacturers' products when the new tax system closes the price gap between king size cigarettes and the smaller

manufacturers across the five main sizes of cigarette, the new method of tax collection would in theory mean a 10 per cent reduction in the retail price of king size cigarettes and an equivalent increase in the price of the smaller varieties.

or the smaller varieties.

Instead, Imperial, Gallaber and Carreras Rothmans, the three big producers, have chosen notto change the recommended price of king size brands.

A list issued by Imperial Tobacco yesterday increases the price of five of its smaller size brands by between 6p, almost

recommended prices, the con pany has opted for "giveaway

Imperial managed to build sales for John Player king size to a peak of around 15 per cent of total king size sales. But when the offers were discontinued sales slipped back heavily.

However W.D. & H.O. Wills reckons that the giveaways have managed to divert the drift away from their intermediate-sized Embassy brand to the

criticized the brewers' custom

of seeking increases every three

months. This, it pointed out, had caused widespread com-

plaints. The report was also severely critical of the struc-ture of the brewing industry, and questioned the desirability of its future investment plans.

meeting, brewers agreed to

cooperate with the Department of Prices and the Ministry of

into the industry's tied house system, local monopolies and

brewery ownership of retail

Brewers' Society that the Gov-ernment was unlikely to look

favourably upon future merger proposals among the brewers.

outlets Mr Hattersley told

Tokyo trade reforms

From Our Own Correspondent are heading for a clash with the European Commission next price system for steel imports on the lines proposed in the United States. The commission Speaking at a press conference here, Viscount Etienne Davignon, the EEC Commissioner for Industrial Policy,

restering sore of the Japanese surplus was not

ence price for imports without first trying to negotiate price agreements with foreign sup-pliers. Only if these failed would more drastic action have to be Viscount Davignon said the Commission would ask all major suppliers to accept comprice disciplines. Otherappropriate measures

not enough, EEC says

merce with the Community, to raise the country's growth which is expected to reach \$55,000m (about £2,778m) this year.

Problems created by the sur-plus were at the centre of the discussions between Mr Nobu-hiko Ushiba, Japan's Minister for External Economic Relations, and Mr Roy Jenkins, President of the European Commission, and other senior EEC

nized the gravity of the situation Sir Roy said "the western world as a whole,

These, it is hoped, will simulate Japanese economic growth and increase demand for European manufactured goods.

mission; and other senior EEC officials.

Commenting on the discussions, Sir Roy Deoman, directorgeneral of the Commission's external affairs department, said the EEC had Impressed on Mr Ushiba that the Western world's commitment to trade liberalization could be faially undermined if the "festering sore" imports of shoes.

Mr Ushiba was also told that a decision by his country's air, lines to buy the European airbus would be a welcome sight of Japanese recognition of the Eight-point plan: In Tokyo further details of the Government's eight-point plan to cut the trade surplus were announced. These covered the

western world as a whole, the Tokyo Round, and the future of an open trading system would be at risk".

He made it clear that the EEC is pinning its home for

From Michael Hornsby

Representatives of the EEC told the Japanese here today that their tariff cuts and other trade liberalization measures. were welcome but insufficient by themselves to turn round

Unless the Japanese recog-

is pinning its hopes for action mic measures which the Japan-

ese have promised to announce

It is understood the Japanese have indicated that the measures should be sufficient Specific complaints raised

with Mr Ushiba included lack of access for EEC exports of processed food and confec-tionery, on which tariffs of up to 35 per cent are imposed, and quantitative restrictions on

nounced. These covered the measures to increase imports by easing their financing.

The Bank of Japan is to

increase the foreign currency which it makes available to com

with a lowered interest rate to redress the trade imbalance of 44 per cent—for imports of mainly on a set of macro-economic measures which the Japan-interest.".

market deals By Caroline Atkinson Dealing was much quieter

in money

on the foreign exchange markets yesterday as they paused for thought after this week's

The yen weakened a little against the dollar after the announcement in Tokyo of further details of the Government's plan to reduce Japan's trade surplus.

There was much less pressure on the Deutsche mark than earlier in the week, although the dollar slipped 20 points on the day in a thin The Swiss franc made the

strongest gains on the day, rising to a new high of 2.058 Name of a new light of the dollar. There was a sharp increase in the Swiss official reserves as a result of the

Calmer tone | Price increase pleas become less frequent

By Derek Harris Commercial Editor

More companies could reduce the frequency of their price rises, possibly working to as much as a 12 months interval, Mr Charles Williams, chairman of the Price Commission, said yesterday.

"We are studying how we can push the old three-month interval, which the previous price code tended to encourage, not only to six months but in as many cases as possible to a 12-month interval ", he said. Mr Williams was commenting on the Commission's

quarterly report since it began operation in August.
It showed that fewer companies were applying for in-creases at frequent regular intervals. The number of com-panies notifying a price rise within three months of their last had fallen to one third of

But there could be a number of factors at work, the report pointed out. Lower costs and increased competitive pressures could have had some effect and so could a company's disinclina-tion to run the gauntlet of the

and October were running at only 215 compared with 578 for previous months this year and 652 a month for 1976.

Mr Williams said be was happy with the results so far of the new Commission's work. In the three months 30 price drawn and 20 modified. Five large distributors had

been told to eliminate excess profits totalling £344,000. These were Hitachi Sales (UK), Sedis, Dolland and Aitchison, R Group and J. R. Philips. Mr Williams emphasized the long-term nature of the Commission's work in changing the were decided.

Not all companies would be able to achieve longer intervals between price rises and it was a question more of moral persuasion rather than using the Commission's legal powers to effect the change.

However, if companies made price applications at what seemed too short periods of time it could influence the Cominvestigate a company applying

Dearer beer soon but 'fewer rises later'

that the amount of the increases is a matter between the brewers

and the Price Commission, and it was up to the commission to decide whether the notifications should be investigated.

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The outcome of the meeting is something of a victory for the brewers, who had feared that an arbitrary price freeze would be imposed. However, they agreed that the frequency with which increases had been sought was undesirable.

purchased. A scheme giving discounts on

W. D. & H. O. Wills, Player's sister company, has just completed a limited offer which gave away 40 Embassy No 1 free for every 100 bought.

14 per cent, and 1p, almost 2 per cent, from January. But the prices of five others remain As an alternative to reducing

By giving away free cigar-ettes on top of a discount on the recommended recal price.

Dalgety to pay £10m for chemical group

By Ray Manghan Dalgety, the agricultural and merchanting group, has agreed to pay £10.1m for Federated Chemical Holdings. The bidder is proposing to exchange 33 of its own shares for every 190 ordinary and deferred shares. With Dalgery down 4p to 206p yesterday, Federated is valued u 68p per share. This compares

with a pre-bid price of 50p

would have to be taken.

yesterday's quotation of 60p, down 3p.

Before the deal goes ahead, however, Federated has been requested to dispose of its 12.82 per cent stake in the Group. The two other shareholders

be prepared to buy Federated out for £8.4m in cash which would include payment for the dividend and Federated's share of the subscription to the £10m rights issue that Tioxide heldyesterday.

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Although Federated will remain autonomous, the bidder

Imperial Chemical Industries expects considerable benefits and Lead Industries Group, for its ABM Chemicals subhave indicated that they would sidiary from the development be prepared to buy Federated of Federated's marketing, manufacturing and procurem pertise within an enlarged chemical division. Further chemicals expansion

chemicals and allied raw materials for leading inter-national producers in the market, North continental Europe A principal holder of Federated equity is Croda International, with a 15.38 per cent stake, whose chairman Sir Frederick Wood controls a further 6.82 per cent. It is believed that is will be prepared to find the property of the first will be prepared to find the property of the first will be prepared to find the profits amounted to f 22.4m. Net assets were £9.83m at the balance sheet date and in the subsequent six manchs

take turnover from this source tial pre-tax profits of £3m. At the same time, Dalgety has made a £790,000 cash offer North for George Sellar & Son which manufactures agricultural implements and machinery. A distributor for International Harvester through six sites in Scotland, Sellars turns over about £6m annual and employs

100 people.

Again, its identity will be retained but it will form part of Dalgety's agricultural division. where the existing turnover is about £25m annually. Dalgety already distributes Internations Harvester equipment in 16 sites in East Anglia and Hampshire.

£800m Treasury stock given 22-year maturity

The Government's pre-Christmarket is to be a new pertly-paid long dated stock, £800m nominal of Treasury, 102 percent 1999.

cent 1999.

This stock, which is being priced at £95 per cent overall, is payable as to £15 per cent on application next Thursday, £40 per cent on January 9 and £40 per cent on February 6,

per cent on February 5,
Although the gross redemption yield of 11.12 per cent is marginally lower than that offered on the nearest equivalent stock, Exchequer 10½ per cent 1997, it is generally felt the stock could still go well provided the firmer trend in the market continues into next the market continues into next

Also in its favour is that it is the first of the 16 issues covering the present financial year to have a maturity running peyond 20 years. Tax recovery

Introduction of the controversial "714 scheme"—designed to tackle tax abuses associated with the "lump" in the building industry—has led to a substantial reduction in loss of revenue, Mr Sheldon, Pinancial Secretary at the Treasury, said in a Commons reply vesterday. in a Commons reply yesterday.

Last month, building employers called for a substantial modification of the scheme which, they claimed, imposed heavy and costly administrative burdens on the industry. Citibank prime rate

Citibank announced in New York yesterday that it is hold-ing its prime commercial lend-

ing rate at 72 per cent, but

held at 7¾ pc

of an upward move soon in interest rates levels following publication of the latest money supply figures.

According to the Federal Reserve Board the narrowly defined money stock, known as M1, rose \$1,800m in the last week On a \$1,600m gain in the previous week after the M2 basis money stock rose \$2,500m compared with \$2,000m a week

Rolls-Royce ban lifted Workers at the Rolls-Royce aero-engine plant at Hilling-

ton, Glasgow, yesterday voted to lift a month-old overtime ban imposed in support of a 25 per cent pay claim. The vote followed an ultima tum to the 3,000 Hillington wor-kers and another 1,500 at East Kilbride that they world be laid off if the ban continued. Bast Kilbride workers will decide on Wednesday and manage-ment has agreed to defer the

The company has offered an immediate 10 per cent increase followed by continued negotia-Legislation pledge

Proposals for the licensing and supervision of deposit-taking institutions, outlined in a White Paper in August 1976, will be given legislative force as soon as parliamentary time available

In a written parliamentary auswer yesterday Mr Denzil Davies, Minister of State at the Treasury, said draft clauses would be published later this session to "allow further consultation with those involved ".

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Our Industrial Staff
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As a result gether with an assurance that future increases would be at less frequent intervals.

The need for an imminent

price rise was stressed at a meeting between the brewers and Mr Hattersley, Secretary of and Mr hatterstey, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, and Mr John Sil-kin, Minister for Agriculture. The meeting was set up to discuss the Price Commission's findings on the industry.

Large brewers, who have all held their prices for six months, say that higher wages and other costs mean they must charge at least 1p more a pint from early next year. There

£90m speed-up in development grants to regions

The Chancellor yesterday gave manufacturing industry an unexpected pre-Christmas bonus by lifting restrictions on the timing of payment of regional development grants. This means that an estimated extra £90m in state grants will go to industry by the end of March.

Another £12m is being released by speeding up payments

leased by speeding up payments of agricultural capital grants. Under the crisis measures of July, 1976, Mr Healey ordered delays of up to six months in the timing of regional grant payments, made under the In-dustry Act for development area building and reequipment

In a statement yesterday the Chancellor said: "I accept that maintenance of these artificial delays is undesirable."

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and extraordinary item of professional expenses and costs for circular to shareholders in September £41,250 (nil), profit attributable to members of holding company £192,494 Interim dividend, payable 6th February, 1978, of 0.4025p on 21,348,449 shares (same), again absorbing £85,928.

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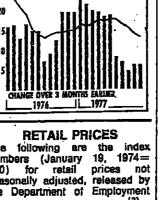
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RETAIL PRICES The following are the index numbers (January 19, 1974= 100) for retail prices not seasonally adjusted, released by

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April	180.8	178.7	19.7
May	181.7	180.5	20.0
June	183.6	-182_4	19.5
July	183.8	183.5	15.3
Aug .	184.7	184.9	14.9
Sept	185.7	186.2	14.1
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Gitt-edged stocks moved ahead.

Dollar premium 93.5 per cent
(effective rate 37.68 per cent).

Sterling gained 80 pts to £1.8550.

The effective exchange rate index
was at 63.7. SDR-S was 1.20198 on Friday, while SDR-E was 0.649719. Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1,421.4 (previous 1,431.4). Reports, pages 19 and 20

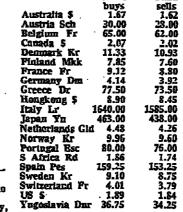
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Interim Statement:

Unit Trust:

The Times Index: 200.15-0.62 The FT index: 471.9-0.2

THE POUND



Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied vestering by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Dif-ferent rates apply to travellors' chaques and other foreign cutrency business.

PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

Grouse

British Rail sell season tickets for 305 million passenger lourneys a year but do not guarantee that there will be any trains to ride on or promise to make any compensation to season ticket holders for the loss of days on which services are withdrawn, for whatever reason.

The Transport Users Consultative Committee in the South-east, where 450,000 regular commuters are carried in and out of London each morning, have been concerned about this since Christmas 1975, when for two days no

They took counsel's opinion on the British Railways Board's claim that the conditions of sale exempted them from making any compensation. The clause in question—BR25833/2 16(iii) (c) in the conditions of carriage—has never been tested in a court of law, but counsel's advice was that British Rail's interpretation would be upheld.

ondition 16 is the same sweep-all which allows British Rail to change timetables without notice and exempts them from liability for loss caused by cancellations and delays. British Rail's argument is that they do not charge more if season ticket holders choose to make several journeys on the same day, and therefore should not be obliged to refund for days on which the holder, for his own reasons, decides not to travel, or for days on which absence of trains prevents

The new Paris suburban express line's computer system guarantees season ticket holders a fixed number of journeys, but in Britain the commuter is asked to gamble that there will not be a rail strike or a withdrawal of the

In the past British Rail has admitted the principle by making ex-gratia concessions in similar circumstances, so why not formally recognize the arrangement?

Clearly, the insurance company offering the annuity fixes its

rates according to the returns it

can receive on its investments

plan up to seven years before the start of private schooling. If you are prepared in advance of that, it might suit you better

to take out a life insurance

Clearly, if you put your money down a few years in

advance, it is going to have longer to accumulate in value. Figures from the School Fees Insurance Agency give the capital cost of obtaining annuity payments to cover annual fees of \$1,600 a year for a fire-year.

of £1,600 a year for a five-year period (a total school fee cost

of £8,000). To do it now to pay fees for the next five years

would need a lump sum pay-ment of £7,000—and parents in

this position would probably feel they could do better by in-

vesting the money themselves.

But if you had bought the
plan six years ago the capital
cost would have been £4.454 to

Some schools run their

is itself a charitable trust.

Holmwoods & Back & Manson

help to operate a number of

annuity rates offered at the time

and the number of years in

advance that the payment is made, as in the case of the S &

P and SFIA policies. What if you cannot lay your

perhaps two or three years away from the fateful moment and

you have to choose what kind of

education you want for your

The range of possibilities at

this stage is expensive and limited. Save & Prosper has just

dropped its deferred annuities

scheme because it was expen-

the administrators.

efficient vehicle.

period.

sive for both the parents and

Agency, however, continues to

operate its own Income Plan.

fees in two years' time. It works in the same way as the capital plan, except that the parent pays in monthly instalments. from two years before to a

It can help to spread the load a little, but there is no tax re-lief on the parents' monthly contributions, although the

charitable trust is itself a tax

after the schooling

Margaret

Drummond

Asset Value inc.

Currency Premium

105.3

59.6

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which can be used to provide

The School Pees Insurance

policy instead.

You should start a capital

Children

The sooner the better with school fees . . .

The ability of the independent should look carefully at the schools system to survive—or mining of the commitment. schools system to survive—or rother the ability of the feepaying parent to survive itmust rank as one of the great mysteries of our time. However, survive they do.

But, even if you are not putting down your new-born son for Eton as soon as he is born, when it comes to the financial planning there is no substitute for early action on school fees.

Most people are far too busy, impoverished, or possibly (to begin with at least) egalitarian to consider such forward planning. It is only when the moment of schooling is actually about to arrive that they finally face up to the prospect of private education.

And, with day school fees in secondary schools now about, and sometimes over, the £1,000 a year mark, they are a daunt-ing prospect. Undoubtedly, the least painful and flexible way of providing them out of income is to take our endowment assur-ance policies at least seven before the date upon which the fees are expected to

provide the same fees for the next five years: the sooner you As they mature, these policies start planning the less painful the whole process is. can be used for anything. So, should the local state school start producing a crop of schemes, on principles similar to the ones outlined above. These are known as "composi-tion" fee schemes. The school ceniuses, the parent is not committed to the private alterna-

With the usual 10-year qualifying policy the holder obtains tax relief on premiums.

Instead of taking out one large single policy it is worth taking out a series, to mature these school schemes and can arrange transfers in cases where parents change their choice of school. at regular intervals during your offspring's school career. This The parent pays the lump sum to the school of his choice. reduces the burden by spread-The terms vary according to the ing it over a longer period.

Some people suggest using unit-linked policies. But, if you are relying on the cash value maturing in each year to pay school fees, you may find yourself forced to cash the units at a time when investment performed bear many than the property of the cash the second payment of the cash the hands on the necessary capital and have not organized any long-term way of funding the fees out of income? You are

formance has been poor. You may, of course, have a capital sum from which to pay the fees. Better still, your off-

spring's grandparents may wish to help out.

Schemes for paying future school fees out of present capi-tal are generally annuity-based and involve the transfer of the money and the school fees liability to an intermediate charitable trust. [The capital transfer tax exemption per indi-vidual is £2,000 a year and the first £25,000 of cifts is nil rated. More can be given out if it comes within "normal and reasonable expenditure".]

Both Save & Prosper and the School Fees Insurance Agency offer annuity-based schemes for paying fees out of capital The lump sum, which guarantees the payment of a fixed amount of fees each year. is transferred to a charitable trust, which itself buys the annuity, matching the terms of the contract between the trust

and the parent.

Because of its charitable status the trust has no tax liability on the interest element o' the annuity payments. But it is important that anyone contemplating such a scheme

Year ended

1973

1974

1975

1976

THE STOCKHOLDERS

INVESTMENT TRUST LIMITED

Earnings

1.64

1.83

1.73

Points from the Annual Report

Managers—JOHN GOVETT & CO. LIMITED FIVE YEAR SUMMARY OF CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

Dividend

1.375

1.45

1.65

Total net resources £58,658,977 U.K. 65%-North America 25%-Elsewhere 10%

—In the year the asset value has risen by 33% and the market price of the shares has risen by 77% which reflects a significant and welcome narrowing of the discount to

This Christmas British Airways will fly more than 6,000 children on their long haul overseas ser-vices from Heathrow. Of this number 4,000 will travel in escorted groups, 20 and 30 ar a time, the sons and daughters of British nationals working abroad. To many of these children

climbing aboard a jumbo is as familiar as hopping on a num-ber 28 bus—and often more so. They attend schools in the United Kingdom and theirs is a two to three times a year travel merry-go-round, with journeys finely organized by the multinational companies gov-erument departments or other organizations which employ their parents overseas.

The bus jumbo analogy in no way applied when it was pro-posed that my nine-year-old daughter should holiday with her aunt in Canada during the Christmas break.

But what has followed in the three months leading to her departure from Heathrow next Tuesday has served to reassure this doting dad that the prin-cipal airlines of the world are as skilled in looking after the individual child travelling alone as they are the large groups.
It pays, of course, to develop such skills, since the cut-price children of today are the full fare paying passengers of the

future.
So if you are thinking of parcelling up your youngster for a holiday with a benign aunt in a distant land, the do it-your additional would be so it in a distant land. self list of considerations would run something like this:

run somenting like this:
First the fares: airlines divide
children into three categories
—infants under two years old,
who are charged 10 per cent of
the full fare; "minors"
between two and 12 years of
age, who pay half fare; and 12year-olds onwards, who are adult as far as fares are con-

Transport Association (Iata) has spun a web of fare structures so intricate that British Airways alone employ a staff of 60 to translate rates for passengers. But the Iata agreement also means that fare rates

are common to all members—
the main arilines of the world.
We wanted the economy class
of fare. There is the advance purchase excursion (APEX) rate), which although the cheapest in the economy class demands that the ticket is booked up to three months in advance and the cost settled in full at the time of booking. Moreover, there is a penalty clause, which could be 25 per cent of a return ticket in the event of cancellation, and a time limit for travelling.

investor's week

hopes of a strong run up to

Christmas faded this week in

what remains an extremely thin

and technical stock market.

With scarcely a genuine investor

of any size in sight, share prices lost ground on all five days of

the first week of the long holi-

The FT ordinary share index

fell 14.0 and at lost night's

close of 471.9 was back at the

level of three weeks ago. Big

institutional investors usually

make a brief show of interest

at this time of year, even if only as a year-end book-squar-

ing exercise, but this time they

are leaving it late. The market

remains dominated by the

The week began on a fairly

Yovember trade surplus sup-

ported both equity and gilt-

edged prices. But both fell back from their best levels as the

Scottish miners threatened Society

short-term "bear" traders.

day account .

Children under the protective wings of the airlines



The economy excursion fare, the next cheapest in the class, requires that the passenger returns 14 to 28 days from depar-ture, but can be bought at any time and cancelled without

are no restrictions attached to the normal economy fare; but it is the most expen-

Group rates are available principally to registered organizations, such as clubs, schools, companies and the like. Ad hoc rates are available groups simply established to take advantage of cheaper fares

re not allowed.
However, since group rates and these come in many shapes and forms with bookings reand forms with bookings required up to four months in advance—are usually based on the full fare rate, they are not me thil fare rate, they are not necessarily the cheapest way to travel. Moreover, on certain routes special children's rates are not available.

For "discount" fares on the published rates study the travel

advertisements. Indeed, the lazy need look no. further than the advertisements.

need look no further than the back page of The Times: "considerable savings" and "lowest reliable" air ticket offers abound.

Tata member the offers abound the first parents who want their child to be individually cared for by the airlines throughout the flight some airlines charge

industrial action over the issue

This mood was carried over to Tuesday when dealers were gr.pped by a last-minute bout

of nerves over the trade figures.

Some market people were freely talking of a relapse to a deficit, but in the event their

first thoughts were proved right by the £73m surplus. Even this

was not enough to stop the decline in equities with the threat to the Lib-Lab pact posed

by the Commons vote on the

Furopean elections issue prov-

As the week drew to its close.

a slowing down in the growth of the money supply, Mr Healey's new letter of intent to

the International Monetary Fund and further evidence of a cut in the pace of inflation. On the fixed interest side

resembled that of equities, with

Motor industry shares had a poor week with Mr David Plastow, the President of the Society of Motor Manufac-

gains of, at best, half a point.

ing the stronger influence.

of local productivity deals.

Seasonal buyers thin on the ground

156p

319p 500p

252p

287p

50p 118p

91p ICL

116p Tunnel

4210 Braithwaite

58p Oil Exploration 24p to 298p 55p Phoenix Timber: 16p to 157p 95p Smiths Industries 14p to 154p 84p J. Waddington A 24p to 228p

a useful and attractive discount service to the paying passenger.

"Reliability", is, however, conditional on the protection afforded by membership of the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) and/or the possession of an Air Travel Organizer's Licence (ATOL), both of which guarantee the return of money in the case of default. In your own interests default. In your own interests do not deal with non-affiliated

agents.
Tickets for scheduled flights
can be between 20 and 30 per
cent cheaper when bought
through these discount agencies. saving arrived at through

agents.

bulk purchase.
The big airlines have common procedures for looking after unaccompanied children. Groups are often chaperoned by a specially trained escort at no extra cost.

extra cost.

The number of children deemed to be a group varies.
Gulf Air, serving Gulf destinations in the Middle East and new to the children transport-

Frowned on by lata, member for by the airlines throughout airlines and their agents, these firms can nonetheless provide the cost of a single full fare in

turers' and Traders and manag-

ing director of Rolls-Royce Motors, giving a warning about

Lucas rumbled 14p to 264p

after the chairman had said that the recent toolmakers' strike could impair future investment plans. A warning of lower profits hit Smith's Indus-

tries to the tune of 14p to 154p.

6 Dew

Finlay, J. Gienlivet

addition to the child's. There are minor variations between airlines. Besides the commercial and

government organizations, which assign groups of children to particular flights, the airlines themselves group children together from information provided on their computer book-

ing system. Similarly, children travelling alone come under the wing of the airlines' standard pro-cedures. Again, an airline's computer will have identified travelling minors or infants and a uniformed staff member will be deputed to take the child through passport and baggage control and hand her or him to ober of the cabin staff for the flight.

the flight.

It is then not so much a matter of excorring the junior jetter throughout the flight as keeping an eye on the child. British Airways has its famous Junior Jet Club founded 20 years ago, 90,000 of whose 215,000 members are from the United Kingdom. They get, inflight packs and books and even have their own magazine, Fleetwing.

"We like to treat our children like grown-ups", a

children like grown-ups", a spokesman for Pakistan International Airways said, adding: "Of course, we do make full provision for their special

PIA, which carries large numbers of children, makes a point of keeping junior passengers separate from business traveller.

business traveller.

Pan-Am caters: for the "special needs" of children by giving them a "Pierre Panda Fun Kit", which includes a "magic" scribbling pad, hooks, puzzles, and "Junior Captain" wings.

For all children under 12 years a brief indemnity form, signing over the child to the airline's care and naming the host at the other end of the journey, must be completed.
The form is normally provided
when the ticket is bought
although it can be completed
at the airport check-in desk at the airport check-in deskimmediately before departure.
And insur-nce—most airline booking offices carry insuraoce application forms. You will
find that cover for North
America is about double that
for other parts of the world.
In America, particularly, you
will need to ensure that your
policy gives your child adequate medical expenses cover
After you have lifted your

After you have lifted your weary head from form filling do not forget to budget for cloples, baggage—and, oh yes, spending money."

groundless, but the dropped 20p to 572p.

MAIN CHANGES OF THE WEEK

22p to 150p 20p to 298p

18p to 230p

12p to 145p

On the takeover front Glen-livet rose 35p to 500p after better terms from Seagrams.

Takeover hopes

expectations

T. W. Ward stake

Speculators withdraw

Tea Price rise

Seagram

11p to 267p Speculation over

Figures'

Profits slump

Trading warning

Gloomy prospects

David Mott

Clive Lewis

Glazo slumped 27p on Wednesday on persistent market gossip that the group had run the possible consequences of into experimental problems continued industrial strife. His with one of its new drugs. The company's shares dipped 64p to group dismissed the fears as

> sion and he has large family responsibilities, or where the taxpayer's investment income does not represent realizable capital (eg. an annuity).

above he should try again.

Taxation: readers ask

When arrears are remitted Student grants

This week I deal with some more readers letters. The subjects covered are the remission of tax arrears, the income limit for a student's grant, and capital gains tax on private

 In certain cases the Inland Revenue remits tax and a reader tells me that: "After reading that income tax underpaid can be waived when the income of a person is below £3,000 a year I wrote to the Inspector of Taxes asking them to waive the sum of £53.90 tax underpaid during the year

"I have just received his reply, in which he states that this is purely a non-statutory concession and does not apply in my case. I shall be grateful if you will kindly let me know if you will kindly let me know what this means and whether beside the income of below

I know that this question is of remitting tax arrears was set out in a White Paper of July 1971 (Cmnd 4729) after concern expressed by the Ombudsman for the taxpayer who is faced with an unexpected Jewand for payment of arrears of tax.

Not all underpayments are waived. The main condition is that the arrear has arisen because of a departmental error which involved the failure to make proper or timely use if information supplied by the taxpayer so that he could reasonably believe that his affairs were in order." The affairs were in order". The White Paper recognized that the degree of bardship im-posed by the arrears would vary according to the financial resources of the taxpayer and so it provides for tax to be waived by reference to the amount of the maxpayers in-

Where gross income is less than £3,000 a year the whole tax will be remitted in cases of official error. Where gross income is between £3,000 and £6,000 a year one balf of the tax will be remitted unless there are significant capital resources measured by an income from investments of £500 or more per achieve. In that event, as also where the tax-payer's gross income is above £6,000 a year, there will nor mally be no remission.

Conversely, these limits may be exceeded in exceptional cases where the taxpayer's income is just above the normal limits for full or partial remis-

If the reader feels that his case is one which meets the

Students grants: "I was very interested in your article about covenants for young people at further education. I am concerned to know whether a covenant would count as the a covenant would count as me student's income in regard to assessing the local authority grant. The regulation from Surrey CC says that a student's personal income of £215 or less will not affect the assessment value of the award, plus another £500 in respect of scholarship or employment."



am assured by my own local authority that a payment under a deed of covenant from parent to child is ignored in the child's income for grant purposes.

On capital gains tax and private residences a reader says: "Some years ago I bought a house in Britain which was. other conditions required to for four and a half years, my qualify for this non-statutory concession."

Some years ago a bound to house in Britain which was, other conditions required to for four and a half years, my only residence. I then took a post abroad, where I have been since, and the house has been of interest to a number of let furnished to a succession of readers, so a detailed reply might be helpful. The practice regarding capital gains tax if tenants. What is the position regarding capital gains tax if and when I sell the house?"

The basic rule is that if a house has not been owneroccupied throughout the whole period of ownership only part of the gain is exempt. How-ever, certain periods of absence are treated as periods of occupation and one of these includes any period of absence throughout which the individ-ual worked in an employment all rue duries of which were performed abroad.

But two conditions must be met. One is that no other residence qualifies for exemption and the other that both before and after the period of absence the house must, for a time, have been the main res

With regard to the latter condition there is an extra-statutory concession (D4) which says that residence will be deemed to have been resumed after absence abroad where an individual is unable to resume residence in his previous home because the terms of his employment require him to work elsewhere.

To sum up, provided the two absence. treated as a period of occupa-tion and there will be no capital gains tax on disposal.

Just to complete the picture. if the reader has been overseas long enough to be neither res ident nor ordinarily-resident in the United Kingdom, then the sale of any asset held in this country while he continues to live abroad would be exempt from CGT.

Finally, for the reader who is coking for a book on capital transfer tax which is reasonably easy to follow I suggest one of the following: Capital Transfer Tax by Ronald C. Ind. in published by & blacobasM Evans ⊸and written for students of accountancy, but the lay person should be able to follow it as well. On the planning side there is Capital Transfer Tax Planning by Messrs Wright & Penney, published by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and written in straightforward non-technical language.

Vera Di Palma

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Investment trust valuations

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A summer

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Although sales rose 20 per

cent to E6.01m at Plysu, the

plastic container and domestic wares group, pre-tax profits for the six months to October 14 slipped from £490,000 to £456,000.

However, Mr Charles Sum

merlin, chairman, believes that

igures for the full year should

compare favourably with those achieved last time which reached £811,000 compared

Container sales, which accounted for £4.7m against £3.7m, fell short of forecast

because of the cold summer which resulted in a premature

shut-down of the soft drinks

market. But demand for the

far the most important sector of its blow moulding activity, was buoyant and at times the

group was unable to satisfy its

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By Michael Clark

jed in an accident your very wall want voir vary well want your as to settle on a total basis—feeling it better to a replacement (albeit albaid) than to drive your car again. And, of course, may not want to wait a time while your car is red. Equally, you may distable idea of buying a car adhard without knowing ther it has been involved in ther it has been involved in rious accidend.

te action taken by an rance company in settling total loss and disposing of salvage generally is based y on commercial conations. Some insurers say if a new car is damaged he extent of more than say per cost they will pay for cost of a new replacement. hat holds good only for the x year of a car's life. After t there is no rule of thamb.
art from the fact that a icyholder may be more satis-d with a cash sertlement in the repair of his car, airers want to avoid paying re for repairs than they uld settle for a "write-off" cing linto account the fact at, when they settle a total is, insurers can sell the maged car—often for quite a

Some insurers, after settling or the total loss of a car, say out a fresh 12 mouths' policy aust be arrenged. This can be in expensive exercise for a policyholder if the insurance had been renewed not long pefore the accident.

Where it looks as though epair costs may exceed two-hirds of the pre-accident value. of a car, some insurers start thinking about settling a claim as a total loss. It should not be thought from this that the car as it stands will realize, for the insurers, one-third of its pre-accident value. Also other factors have to be taken into

From this it can be seen that ober of cars are "written--and many of those find their way back on to the roads. There are many cars on the roads, bought second-hand, which had been involved in Motor insurance

car is a write-off?

at the time of purchase. That, however, from the safety point of view, is not as serious as it From time to time, it is agreed that prospective pur-chasers of rebuilt cars should have a right to know their history. For some years there history. For some years there was a voluntary arrangement between insurers and the Department of the Environment. Licensing anthorities were told of write-offs, and insurers marked the log books of cars which they sold for salvage. A two-tier structure of prices emerged—one price where a log book was marked, and a much higher price if it was not marked. This scheme, of course, did not catch up with rars

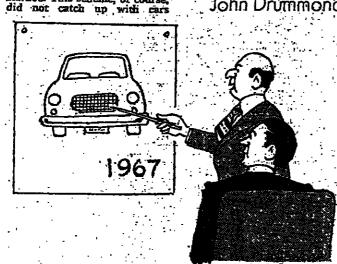
which were not insured for accidental damage.

That scheme was discontinued in 1971 although insurers still tell local authorities about the sale of seriously damaged cars. Usually, this means that, when a car is relicensed, the local police visit the owner. This is primarily for the year for a second the local police visit the owner. This is primarily for crime-prevention purposes. (to crime-prevention purposes (to check that the car is not a "ringer") although, clearly, the policeman would take action if he happened to see anything which might make the vehicle

nsare. The general feeling among the authorities is that faults in the rebuilding of cars are responsible for very few accidenis. Insurers who, after all, are as concerned as anybody to keep down the level of acci-dents, feel that poor maintenance of cars is a very much more serious cause of accidents. And, as the cost of motoring increases, so there seems to be a greater inclination to cut corners on servicing and main-tenance. And that, of course may lead to a policy being

invalidated. While therefore the whole position is far from perfect, individual moments can do more to prevent accidents than

John Drummond



serious accidents, subsequently being "written-off" by the insurers, and their purchasers have a right to know their history." . . . that prospective purchasers of rebuilt cars should

Taxation and women

Ending tax discrimination against working wives

The Equal Opportunities Com- through a bitter divorce was is to be the basic tex unit? If it mission is seeking the views of not pleased that it was her organizations and individuals on a series of options it is suggesta series of options it is suggesting as a means of remedying the present heavy-handed and

mission is objecting to in its The commission points out consultative document Income that the complaints are Tax and Sex Discrimination symptomatic of the inevitable which was published yesterday. As the 1970 Income and Corporation Taxes Act says, "a woman's income chargeable to income tax shall . . . be deemed for income tax purposes to be her husband's and not to be her income."

It is not merely the lack of control that a woman has over her own income which upsets the commission and the many wives who have written to it, but also the lack of privacy that the present tax structure entails. The document quotes from letters received by the com-mission which reveal the anger, incomprehension and misery felt by many wives whose tax affairs are willynilly in their husband's hands.
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who "blued" her tax rebate— contribution. sent to him—before she returned home from work; lem, admittedly an emotional
another wife progressing one too, which remains: what

More precisely, it is the dis-crimination shown towards riage and causing a lot of working wives which the com-

friction between a system based on outdated assumptions about the place of women in the family and in society, and the considerable changes which have taken place in women's increasing role in the economy and in the composition of

couples can opt for separate assessment, which the commission would like to see better publicized. This, although not altering the family tax bill, does apportion the payment pro rata to each spouse's

is to continue to be the family, then individual husbands (the discrimination against them is largely ignored And there was the unhappy against them is largely ignored wife whose husband had been by the Equal Opportunities informed by the Inland Rev. Commission) and wives must enue, without her knowledge, be protected against discriminawomen embodied in our tax system.

More precisely, it is the disconnection of some modest private savings, to the individual, the implication of some a little cash to call her tions for the family as a social own without the individual.

The commission has pre-sented three options for discussion, all based on the abolition of the married man's allowance. The trouble with tax, however, is that it cannot be totally neutral. It is easy enough to suggest, as the commission does, that specific safeguards for the spouse who sters at home look-ing after children or other dependants can be introduced. but the wife who opes to stay at home for preference may get a raw deal

family incomes."

This in fact is the crucial element in the debate. For there are practical ways of husband and wife as single partially alleviating some of people with a special allowance for the problems.

Higher paid husband and wives have the facility to elect for the beneficial separate taxarion of earned income; other and and wife jointly.

band and wife jointly.

The third option scraps the wife's earned income allowance, too, to be replaced by a single personal allowance and a cash payment or a combination of tax allowance and cash payment for those with home responsi-

Unit trust performance

Growth and specialist funds (progress this year and the past three years). Unitholder index 2,041.6. Rise from January 1, 1977: +28.3%. Average change offer to bid, net income included, over past 12 months: +34.2°, over past three years: +116.6%. Statistics supplied by Money Management and Unitholder, Greystoke m EC4A IND.

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Inflation spur for gilt-edged

fort from a further slowing in the pace of inflation. After a firm start prices

dained through a complete lack of support and by the close the FT Index was back below its overnight level at 4719, a net loss of 0.2. Over a week in which it lost ground on all five days the index lost a full 14

By comparison the gilt market had a strong session with long dates adding half a point after a small mark up on the retail prices news. After hours prices ment of a new £800m long At the shorter end stocks were up to five eighths better,

White Child & Beney were sup-ported at 70p, a gain of 5p over the session. The spur was favourable comment and talk that Guinness may come again with takeover terms.

but the new short "tap" was largely untested at the issue price of £96.75. After hours the brewery sector came under pressure following a meeting pressure following a meeting between the Brewers Society and Government ministers at which the view was expressed that price increases should be limited to once a year.

Among the worst hit of the sector were Allied which slipped 3p to 91p, Bass Charrington, down 7p to 154p, Guinness 5p to 180p, Whitbread 34p to 90p and Grand Metropolitan where the fall was 5p for a close of 944p. Elsewhere in the drinks sector distiller

the drinks sector distiller Arthur Bell touched 202p, a gain of 6p, after some favour-able comment. On the bid scene a conditional

E. Fogarty, a speculative feature of late, rose 4p to 140p after scrip news and some favourable comment helped Allied Textiles to gain 7p to 133p. Anston Holdings were suspended at 70p a gain of 7p. suspended at 70p, a gain of 7p over the day, in front of an announcement. Arlington Motor beld steady at 117p on rights issue news while White Child & Beney firmed 5p to 70p on take

coast of South Africa brought early nervousness to some of the composite insurances, but as the day progressed they regained much of their poise with Sun Alliance 5p off at 555p, Guardian Royal Exchange down 4p to 240p and Prudential managing a tuppenny gain to 153p. The comparative strength of

Company Sales
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Ang Am Asp (I) 1.9(2.5)
Arlington (I) 20.5(14.7)
KO Boardman (I) 10.2(11.3)

Among the industrial leaders over prospects. The tanker collision off the

Nemetry Stat (1) 0.75(0.41) 0.11(0.06) —(—)
Plysu (1) 6.0(4.9) 0.45(0.49) —(—)
S&U Stores (1) —(—) 0.18(0.18) —(—)
Suter Elec (I) 0.79(0.62) 0.05(0.04) 0.81(0.63)
John Swan (1) 0.33(0.29) 0.14(0.13) 40.5(38.9)
Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share, are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net pre-tax and earnings are net. a for 15 months.

the gilt market meant that discount houses were favoured

best performers being

With bargains marked at a 210p, left Federated Chemical Union at 450p, Seccombe Markow for the year for a second day running the equity market Dew gave back 6p of this week's at 295p, all 10p to the good strong gains for a close of 150p for throm a further slowing in a profits were taken.

Formula: A specialistic of the property shares favoured Bernard Sunley that the profit of the property of the profit 4p to 174p and especially Churchbury which jumped 13p

> gains were scored by Rank 3p to 243p. Bowater 4p to 182p. Glaxo 2p to 572p and EMS which turned the corner at last with a jump of 8p to 180p. The approach of Christmas did little for the retailing sec-tor though a firm feature was be found in Alfred Preedy which closed 4p to the good at 78p. In buildings thespecularive

Johnson-Richards Tiles soiled 5p to 318p, and Taylor Wood-row managed a gain of 2p to With the speculators staying away Oil Exploration clipped another 6p to 298p, but P & O managed to hold steady at 110p after the chairman's warning on trading.

Latest results

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day's figures lifted Marley 3p to 80p but B. Fertleman dipped 4p to 31p after news of sharply lower profits. Two unchanged after statements were Pivsu at 70p and Initial Services at 70: [p. But another in retreat was

A flurry of speculative interest in home decorating group AG Stunley lifted the shares 5p to 142p and 16p over the week. At the end of October some of the family sold about 10 per cent of the equity and the word is that

> Homfray where the fall on the day was 6p to 55p. A return to dividends lifted Baroora Tea 8p to 85n.

Equity turnover on December 15 was £57.12m (9,712 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were Shell, BAT Dfd, BP, 13311, ICI, Royal, Grand Metropolitan, Beecham, Gus 'A', GKN, Thorn Comment on the previous and Commercial Union

customers.

Demand for the group's larger containers was satisfactory throughout the summer and has now grown to the point where further moulding machinery is being considered. At present Plysu supplies a relatively modest proportion of the market, but it intends to expand in this area in 1978. So far this year the housewares division has not shown any growth, with sales representing well below 20 per cent of the group's total. This division has proved profitable division has proved profitable in the past and the board believes that growth will return when customers have more money to hand.

In the past year Plysu spent £1.6m on extra plant, machinery and buildings. The result should be production capacity well able to meet a

Arlington Motors and Christy Bros rights

By Alison Mitchell Shareholders of Arlington Motors and Christy Brothers have been asked to dip into their pockers for a total of £850,000.

raise the cash with one-for-four Arlington, which is taking the opportunity to boost the annual

dividend by over 17 per cent, is asking for £730,000 at 95p a share. The money will be used initially to reduce bank borrowings which have grown substan-tially over the last 18 months. With increased levels of business, growing vehicle rental contract tiere and leasing, and the rising costs of stocks, the working capital has had to be met by loans. However the chairman, Mr N. C. N. Housden, tells shareholders that the time has now come to finance this on a more permanent basis. .

S & U turnround | Furniture slump at interim stage but below budget

Birmingham-based S. & U. Stormington based S. & U.
Stores has managed a near
£400,000 turnround in the six
months to July 31 last.
A previous loss of £189,000
has been turned into a profit
of £181,000 and the chairman,
Mr. Derek Coombs, is confident that this upward trend will con-

However, he warns shareholders that, with September to November sales below bud-gets, there is little chance of the group reaching the pre-viously forcest film mark at

the year end.

The December pre-Christmas spending spree has boosted sales and the business, now completely re-organized, is well established for continued growth, according to the cheirman. Once agoin there is no dividend for ordinary share-badders. bolders.
S & U has moved away from

retail credit into consumer loan credit and this is being made available to its 200,000 exist-

previous £230,000 despite a fall in interest rates.

Group pre-tax profit in the half year, at £671,000 is above that made for the whole of last year and shows a 77 per cent rise on the previous first half figure of £379,000. Turnover

But the chairman sounds a cautious note regarding the second half. Although the order book remains strong, sales of cars, coaches and car hire contri-bute more to profits in the first six months than in the second.
Electrical engineers Christy Brothers are to raise around £124,000 with a one-for-four

rights at 32p.
Firmly back on the road to recovery Christy boosted pre-tax profits by around 75 per cent from £39,000 to £68,000 in the six months to September 30 on turnover up from £1.2m to £2.1m. The dividend has been more than doubled from last In the six months to Septem-year's annual total of 1.5p to ber 28 last, financial charges 3.5p for the year to March 31, amounted to £346,000 against a 1978.

bites hard at Fertleman

The slump in the United Kingdom furniture market has resulted in pre-tax profits at B. Fertleman plunging from £146,000 to £21,000 for the six months to September 30. Turnover of the group, which

makes modern and reproduction furniture, has also fallen sharply from £2.1m to £1.7m so margins collapse from 6.7 to 1.19 per cent. The interim dividend goes up from 0.55p to 0.6p gross.

Mr Leonard Fertleman, chair man, says that fixed costs necessarily account for a major part of overall costs and, con-sequently, the fall in profits is proportionately higher than in turnover. It is clear that any increase

in consumer spending in the home market is taking longer than expected to work through to furniture sales, and against the present background, the chairman says. Meanwhile, it is not possible to forecast the likely timing of a sales upturn

Auditor's qualifications at Oceana Holdings

Losses at Oceana Holdings have deepened from £16,000 to £245,000 in the year to April 30, and the auditors have quali-fied the accounts They say that pre-acquisition losses in a subsidiary amounting to £147,051 have not been written-off to the consolidated profit and loss account, despite continuing losses by that company, but have been treated as goodwill arising on consolida-tion. The opinion of the direc-

tors is that the subsidiary is in a favourable position to make profits in the future.

The chairman, in his annual report, says that the directors are confident that the company will steadily develop and that

accounts for the coming year show a substantial improvement.

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Briefly

Pedigree Dolls and Toys and Rovex, has any connexion with Triang-Pedigree. B. FOGARTY

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Board proposes that £772,000 be

repirlized and applied in the form

of 101 per cent preference shares

of £1 on the basis of one preference share for every four ordinary shares held. WESTON-EVANS GROUP

Order position is quite en-couraging and present indications are that full year's activities will produce a record year for the sixth consecutive time. ASTEURY & MADELEY

Board says agreement has been reached for the purchase of Birm-ingham Steel for £158,000 cash. AZCON CORPORATION This Coms. Gold Fields offshoot has acquired a 51 per cent controlling share in Stalco Trading GmbH of Dusseldorf, West Germany for less than \$1m.

UTD SCIENTIFIC Further growth in turnover and profits is expected in current year. Rights issue has been taken up 97 per cent.



Mr Christopher Bland, chairman of Sir Joseph Causton.

Causton back on right lines Troubled printing group Sir Joseph Causton & Sons is back

on the road to recovery, accord-ing to new chairman Mr Christopher Bland. He tells shareholders in the annual report that the upward trend, evident in the final quarter of last year, had continued

A note to the accounts shows

that the group made a £6,600 compensation payment to a director for loss of office.

Margins hit at Greene King and Hardys By Bryan Appleyard

On the same day that the Brewers' Society put the case for imminent price rises, two brewing companies provided evidence in the form of pressurised margins.

Greene, King & Sons reported a 14 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £1.9m for the half-year to October 31 on turnover up by 20 per cent to £18.85m. This pushes the group's margins down to 10.2 per cent compared with 11.25 per cent for the whole of last

The board blames this on rising costs but they believe they can maintain the same perthe second half.

Mr John Bridge, managing director, said the growth had come from increased market share and not from any physical expansion. Greene, King is still sticking to its home territory of Suffolk and relying on its beers and price competitiveness.

He expects a price increase
by the end of this financial
year, but added that the com-

pany would not be the first to yesterday was Nottingham-based Hardys & Hansons which increased its turnover by 12 per cent to £9.2m in the year to September 30. Pre-tax profits were up by 7 per cent to £1.6m.

The final dividend is 7.4p gross making a total of 10.60

against 9.7p last time.

Bid approach at Anston

the shares of property invest-ment and development group, Anston Holdings as the direc-Anston Holdings as the directors disclosed they had received a bid approach. On the take-over trail is Anston managing of £2.2m on the whole group. The movement in the shares director Mr Raymond Stoner who already controls more than who already controls more than 24 per cent of the shares in 24 per cent of the shares in look to see whether an inquiry the Hove, Sussex, group. The is justified.

A halt has been called today directors said they had to Stock Exchange dealings in received an approach "which the shares of property investment lead to an offer".

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AN OFFER FROM M&G

more attractive than London M&G AMERICAN & GENERAL FUND The US stock market, in stark contrast to that of the

The US stock market, in stark contrast to that of the UK, has performed disappointingly ever the last year, with the Dow Jenes reaching a new 2-year low on November 3rd. Although stare prices in America could decline further, share values are today more attractive than they have been for many years, whether measured in terms of earnings, yield or assets. When the anticipated recovery takes place, it is likely to be both sudden and strong. Current levels on Neal Street could provide a rare opportunity for anyone wishing to take a stake in the world's domanant economy.

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charge of ±% plus VAT is deducted from the Fund's gross income. Distributions for Income units are made on 20th March and 20th September net of basic rate tax and are reinvested for Accumulation units to increase the value of the units. The next distribution date for new investors will be 20th March, 1978. You can buy or self-units on any business day. Contracts for purchases or sales will be due for settlement 2 or 3 weeks later. 14% commission is payable to accredited a weder-range security and is authorised by the Secretary.

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Move to vote in son of late Barton's director fails

From Our Own Correspondent A move to get the son of a ate director of a family bus business on to the board failed at the annual meeting of Barton's Transport in Nottingham yesterday.

Mr Alfred Barton jr, son of the late Mr Alfred Barton, was proposed and seconded to fill the post left vacant by the death of his father on May 22 lest. But the meeting was told that the directors felt it inadvisable to bring in a new addition to the board at the present time. They wanted to keep the board relatively small. There were no other reasons for their decision, they

Flowever, Mr Barton's mother said: I do not consider my son would be an addition to the beard. He would be taking his fears place and I do not see way he cannot do so." A resolution to elect him to the board was defeated by 24 votes to 14.

This year is the company's golden jubilee. The firm was started in 1927 by the four original Barton brothers and has been operating as a pas-senger transport business ever since. It has an annual turnover of £4m. Mr T. H. Barton and J. E. Barton, who were both due to retire from the board of directors, were both re-elected.

Culter Gd Bridge slips 65 pc

The slide in profits continues at Culter Guard Bridge Holdings. Over the year to March 31 profits of this paper making and converting group dropped from £1.19m to £603,000. although sales picked up. Over the first half of the current the first half of the current year profits have slipped from £201,000 to £70,000 on turnover up from £8.5m to £9.7m and the board thinks that the second half is unlikely to match the £400,000 brought in over the same period last year.

Meantime, the capital experditure programme is going according to plan and in the long term this will increase operating efficiency and add to the group's versatility.

Interim setback at Cullens Stores

The board of Cullens Stores is very disappointed by the half-year results, which show pre-tax profits of £116,000 against £174,000. This reflects the difficulties facing the grocery trade at the present time, and they do not see them getting any easier until next

Consideration of en interim dividend will be given when they have had the benefit of the Christmas trade. In the meantime every effort will be made to the the ension of profits by to stop the erosion of profits by expenses where they have some control over them. A property revaluation is planned.

Willows Francis-Guinness Peat

In the formal offer document, from Guinness Peat Group for Willows Francis, the board of Francis states that pre-tax pro-fits for the three months to September 30 are well ahead of the corresponding period in 1976, but some part of this is due to the saxisfactory completion of an important overseas contract. Sales for the four months to October 31 are also ahead.

In order to save expenses, the hoard has agreed with Guinness Pear to seek shareholders' approval for the issue of two new Francis ordinary shares for every one now held.

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Foreign Exchange

Helped by the latest evidence of a slowdown in inflation as measured by the latest retail price index, and also by the current weakness of the dollar, sterling made fresh headway yesterday. At the close the pound showed a useful 85 point gain at \$1.8550, compared with 1.8465 overnight. The trade-weighted index also improved at 63.7 against 63.6 on Thursday. Dealers reported very thin pre-weekend business with some small Continental and transatiantic demand soon satisfied. thental and transactants demand soon satisfied.

The dollar held on to a useful gain at this expense of the Japanese yen at 240.55 against 239.00 in London previously.

Gold gained \$1.50 an ounce to close in London at \$160.375.

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The Bank of England yesterday bought an exceptionally large quantity of Treasury bills directly from the houses to relieve a shortage of credit in the overnight market. For most of the session, rates were in the 67-1 per cent area in a market that was much quieter since the Bank's mid-week signal that called for stability in short term money rates across the turn of the year. Late in the day, after the authorities had given help that looked to have been rather overdone, rates came away to levels that allowed books to be ruled off in

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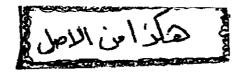
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## Weekend

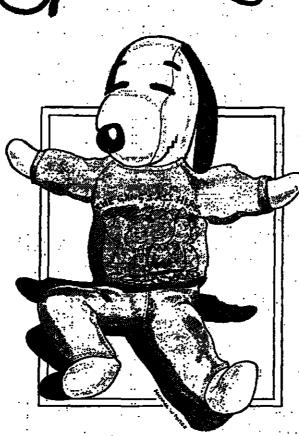
Heal's is a veritable fairyland this Christmas, packed with goodies and exceptionally full of toys. Not in the photograph but worth mentioning are pots of herbs containing Witches Brew. The brews are many and so useful, being apridotes to Melancholy, Drunkeness, Hysteria and The Vapours, Gout, Wind and Apoplexy. Since all the recipes are herbal brews from old wixhes recipes collected in West Sussex, there is obviously one for love, a real love potion, which is the one most people want although they buy the others for fun. These are £1.35 each. Crabtree and Evelyn soaps always make heart pro-

sents and the Avocado here is one of many stocked every-where and in plenty at Heals. The bread basket is also fun

there are flat ones, medium ones, small ones with sweets and a number of different arrangements of artificial rolls or croissants, delectably and appetizingly glazed. They would fool most of the people most of the time and make table or sideboard orgaments with a party look to them although the prices are rather high at from around £7 to £8.

In the background is a small sack of rum truffles from Merrypaul sweemhops, so popu-lar with Times readers last year. Merrypaul shops are full

sweets too. The rum truffles are £1.35 and can be posted for are £L35 and can be posted for 35p; an apothecary jar of coloured sweets is £2.50 (75p). Sesume and honey makes a delight at 95p plus 35p and really olde-worlde treacle toffees for 65p (35p). Some superb praises and ananas au rhum are respectively £2.95 (40p) praisings and ananas au rhum are, respectively, £2.95 (40p) and £2.85 (45p). If you can get near the shops, do, and be tempted. They are in London at 59 Fleer Street, at Shoane Square and Leicester Square stations and at 10 Victoria Arcade, at the station end of Victoria Street, just near the Circle and District Lines entrance from the street. The last trance from the street. The last address, in London SW1, is the



There is no doubt that Paddington Bear is this year's favourite, as our own tribe of children among The Times readers have testified, but Snoopy is still a close second. So look out for Mini-Mascot Snoopy dolls at 90p each; little velvet Woodstocks at £1.95; and plush and rag snoopy dolls from around £2 to £40. The Peanuts tumbling troupe, called Stackables, has five Peanuts characters who can be arranged to stand or perform like acrobats—at just £1.85. Snoopy memory boards, softball darts, games as described under Eccetera's wares, and even beandolls are all in the Snoopy image. Stocked very, very widely but, the distributor's mame is The Gladisand Ltd, 57 Crawford Street, London, W1. (01-724 3406).

## Sheila Black

A textile framed photograph has softness and intimacy. This one is from Maples, Euston Road for £4.95 plus 50p and it matches curtain fabric at £6.75 the metre.

The card is thin enough for about 75p.

■ Make yourself a minicone, really young children to cut designed and produced by John easily, the colours are bright, Ryan, 12 Airlie Gardens, the heights are from two to London, W8. You buy a sheet four inches and they all look of coloured shapes which are rather like those little wooden cut out then rolled into cones Russian dolls. You can find to make a row of little them at all Design Centre characters. You can have Henry shops, Harrods, Heals, General VIII and his six wives; Robin Trading, Children's Book Centre Hood with five merry men; in Kensington High Street, and Hausel and Gretel with their so forth in London There are sweet cottage, cat, witch and some out of town stockists or woodcurter: or Captain Pug-direct (01-727 8106). Each wash and four more pirates. minicone card of characters is

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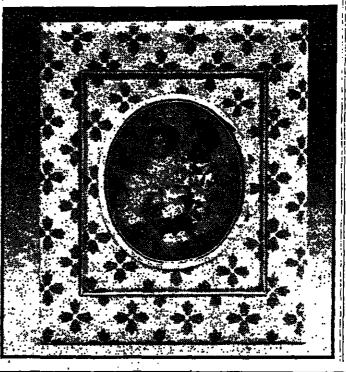
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Your Christmas Shooping List may look like this:

TRENT VALLEY



A little company has a good games idea. They send you anagrams on certain themes. For example, they send you a list of Christmas words together with cards printed boldly with with cards printed bolds, with anagrams of the words on the list. Place the cards about the room and give each guest a pencil and paper. Then mark the best scores within a certain time limit. Although it is a listle less never to get oversized. little late now to get organized for Christmas with the names for Christmas with the names of your family and guests, the stock is a good one covering 20 subjects like drinks, birds, cars, composers, Shakespearean characters, pop singers. TV programmes and many others. You could be sophisticated and order both Countries of the World and Capital Ciries, then World and Capital Cities, then use them both together in a kind of double game. A nice idea and you can buy each set for £1.25 including postage. Write to Sphiux, 11 Grayshott Road, Headley Down, Bordon, Hampshire, and, for the complete list, telephone Headley Down 2792. They sent me as their sample "I'll shake cah". Had you thought of anagraming ell your names or making place ell your names or making place names that mixed-up way?

has been a source of fun to many and I have thoroughly many and I have thoroughly enjoyed recommending their tricks as well as their host-and-hostess accessories. In the photograph, you see a small selection from a very large range that also includes some super leatherware such as handbags, shoes and belts made by a small factory of Italians here in England. The Kosta crystal ice bucket is a piece of great beauty, with the clear crystal essentially unflawed—some cut crystal can be flawed as the cuts can cover a few sins, but never the clear crystal. It costs £22.95 but is heavy, quality crystal, always admired. An original bottle-shaped decanter matches it, just as crystal clear at £29.95 (£2.50 extra by post).

The adorable little alarm there is a fascinating game called Rummikub, played with 106 bricks, corresponding to two packs of cards with a couple with a couple bricks, are played from stands in front of each player. Complicated to begin with, it becomes fascinating and costs £14.95 (£1). Parties or buffets will be bettered for the cuts can cover a few sins, but orystal well in the middle of it for dips—dips are a good way of serving non-fattening things like chipper carrots or celery to use with a cottage cheese dip—it costs £19.95 (£2.50) extra by post).

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exceptionally repsonable set at £45 (plus £3). Of tough cotton, the colour is a kind of bluisheffect and the pattern is very some rathe costlier ones. Navy blue bind-ing all around the sides make strong sides and a strong setting for the zip fasteners. Red stripes help you to find it off the luggage claim—one of the Etcetera executives has been all round the world with his case twice and it is only just looking a bit worn. The cases are medium, large and larger, the

tote bag capacious.

A little plastic box with smaller boxes that fit or slide in and out like drawers is called an organizer (£1.25 plus 45p). I think they are useful for such small things as paper clips but recommend them mostly for with these little fit-together flar but the marble, flat dish has a graceful stem to assemble when you open the mark to costs £395, £3 postage.

I can remember the Etcetera of the '60s, when idiot jokes would sell for anothing the costs £395, £3 postage.

Bedlam's nightshirts and nightcaps seem to be endlessly popular, whereas I must confess

I thought they would prove to be a craze that

died out. The red, blue or brown striped sets

seem to be the favourite of quite a varied range.

In pure cotton, they cost £8.50 the set for the

knee-length nightshirt or £9.50 with an anklelength shirt plus 48p postage, etc. Do not forget to give chest sizes when ordering and to ask

makes an easy-pass-around cheese "board" at £12.60 plus

matches it, just as crystal clear at £29.95 (£2.50 extra by post).

The adorable little alarm chock tells the time worldwide but I do not recommend it for desks unless the owner remem which stick to the felt and so can be played in any room desks unless the owner remem which stick to the felt and so can be played in any room wisk...£1.50 (300) For outdoors bers to lock it away every single risk—£1.50 (30p). For outdoors time he leaves the office. I and picuics, consider Frigitote, know what happens in offices, a portable refrigerator or anywhere and everywhere—the price is £16.95 (£1 p/p). In the sulated box into which you pack background is one of a set of cans of beer or packs and cans of beer or packs. had great success with the mini-ature pocket TV by Sinclair, the clever calculator people, at £225 (posted for £3 extra, in-cluding insurance). You can even follow the prac-

There is a fascinating game

of food, then plug into the cigarette lighter of the car to cool or heat as you drive to-wards the picuic site. The twoway plug is the secret, and it holds up to half a dozen 12ounce cans of beer, coke or whatever and three or four sandwiches—£99, I am afraid.
A luxury item, true, but
Excetera sells a good many
luxury items and I do mean
"sells ". For instance, they have

tice of some executives and have your own personal com-puter. Feed in all that you have to do or remember, then tell the Mind Reader which will the Mind Reader which will lay, the feeding and the walks alert you on the appropriate day in the parks. Now how would to go to the important meeting. Call up the Calendar to Heath Robinson contraption at ing. Call up the Calendar to read off weeks or months at a time. It costs £395, £3 postage.

the money to spare. Now a joke is something like the Pet rock, a piece of rock in a box for those who wanted to avoid cleaning the cage in which it £7.95? Squeeze a trigger and a lever with a fly-swatter on it peasure pieces. A marrier release the first burn the packed of the '60s, when idiot jokes brated so that the hand that clipped together when the legs dots or doe has a graceful stem to assemble when you open the pack and 525 or 550 because people had if the fly is dead centre on the together. Neither vulgar not cigarettes,

nightdress and mob cap. Personal shoppers can go to 44 Temple Street, Birmingham; 51 Gloucester Road, Bristol; 28 Bedford Place,

Southampton : Bedding Centre in Lower Pollet,

Guernsey; and at any of the Aronics branches where you will also find a mass of duvets,

covers and do-it-vourself duvets. Mail order is done from the head office address at 114 Ken-sington Church Street, London, W8, rather nearer the northerly end. Bedlam is also first class for beds, especially unusual beds, of which

prices these days are really rather terrifying.

swatter (or ms remains) that tasteless, accepted by children and a bost of other toys, costly score is 100, the score lessening as much as by adult jokers, this or less so, are mixed up in as the fly dies nearer the outside. They still have those large blocks of wood with apparently made, finished in a plate, porcelain and earthen-blocks of wood with apparently made, finished in a plate, porcelain and earthen-blocks of makes them both useful literally hundreds of stocking out to be ballpoint pens. The plastic paper clip I have menion and amusing rather than sexy fillers. The shops are at 169 plastic paper clip I have menion and a bost of other toys, costly as much as by adult jokers, this or less so, are mixed up in eternally mating couple are fitted with silver and silver quality made, finished in a plate, porcelain and earthen-bow makes them both useful literally hundreds of stocking and amusing rather than sexy fillers. The shops are at 169 plastic paper clip I have menion and amusing rather than sexy fillers. The shops are at 169 plastic paper clip I have menion and abost of other toys, costly as much as by adult jokers, this or less so, are mixed up in as much as by adult jokers, this or less so, are mixed up in as much as by adult jokers, this or less so, are mixed up in as much as by adult jokers, this or less so, are mixed up in as much as by adult jokers, this or less so, are mixed up in as much as by adult jokers, this or less so, are mixed up in as much as by adult jokers, this or less so, are mixed up in as much as by adult jokers, this or less so, are mixed up in as much as by adult jokers, this or less so, are mixed up in as much as by adult jokers, this or less so, are mixed up in as much as by adult jokers, this or less so, are mixed up in as much as by adult jokers, this or less so, are mixed up in as much as by adult jokers, this or less so, are mixed up in as much as by adult jokers, this or less so, are mixed up in as much as by adult jokers, this or less so, are mixed up in as much as by ad is now £4.95, it is still a popular gift. A plastic lady has a man

and amusing rather than sexy or vulgar in any way. A laser is another expensive toy. A small desk-top machine merely shoots out laser beams, makes shapes and smages, sprays red dots or does whatever the slides dictate (£500). Solar lighters for

thick. The maker has now produced a cover in pink or white for those who use them in Hundreds of readers either bought or gave Sirikit (this page earlier this year) to motorists, typists, people with bad backs or just because Sirikit, the padded back-board, made many of bed, an unexciting, unsophisticated quilted nylon cover which is nevertheless highly pracnylon cover which is nevertheless highly practical, non-slip, washable and dried in no time. It costs £3.65 including postage while Sitikit itself is £9.80 (including the £1 postage). A large number of older or disable people have asked for carrying handles on their Sitikits and these can be done for 60p extra, which is only just cost price. The address is Lacy-Hulbert Company, Wake's Way, Itchenor, Sussex. life's occupations more comfortable.

Since then readers have told me that Sitikit

Connaught Street; and 47 Golders Green Road; London NW11, as well as Erent Cross. The Golders Green Shop is the Then they developed this Robot-Chef, which has a belt-and-brush-drive motor instead mail order office and the phone number is 01-455 3441. of the direct-drive motor of the Maganix. In time, you may need a new belt but, when you are saving something like £22, who's counting? It is as good as Magimix and, for those who are not familiar with that wonderful machine, Robot-Chef grates, slices (rather thickly as

so few vegetables need the very thin sticing blades), blends, purees, liquidizes, kneeds dough or pastry and gives you soup in It choos your meat finely, as finely as you like, rather than mineing it, which loses you the health giving, taste imparting blood and which tears and bruises the meat as chopping does not. Besides, chopped meat is so much nicer than mince for per cent of minced meat recipes. The serrated knife blades do most of the jobs as they whirl round and round but slicer and grater take up next to no space in a cupboard. Robot-Chef stands absolutely

cerned about. It really is an indispensable kitchen machine and the more I use Magimix and find washing up the single goblet so simple (mine goes in the dishwasher) the more delighted I am with it. I am sure the Robot-Chef, at around £57, will make everyone who buys it or is given it much the

rrench who love it and who have been hir by inflation badly too, the makers decided something had to be done about developing cheeper models that do what Magimix does. First, they omitted the juccers me way. Robot-Chef is only just filtering into various shops like Harrods New Dimension of West Eaking and Fulham, Brown Muff of Shelfield, Robert Kelly at Liverpool and so on. You can because, it seems, few people use them and they only take up see demonstrations at Divertimenni, 68/70 Marylebone Lane extra space—one of the great charms of Maginix being its

As retailers begin to take delivery, their names can be passed to you by the British distributor, Wellglen Properties, 25 Lower Square, Isleworth, Middlesex (01-568 7571). Incl. dentally, the smoky plastic goblet tooks ever so slightly thinner and lighter but it is every bit as tough as that of Magazin. And the new system of starting Robot-Chef, with a little flange that has octually to slide into a slot and click into place before the electricity can be switched on makes it even more foolproof than the costlier Maginix and that foolproof enough. You just cannot turn on anything at all until the rop lid of the goblet is fully engaged over the goblet itself so there is no threat to meddling children or cockharded cooks. I think it has one plus over Maginix, which is so powerful that I find it difficult to stop the motor at precisely the right momentyou can chop or puree too finely if you are not careful. The Robot-Chef is a shade less powerful, achieving just as much but not at such a high speed.



I am about the only person I know who tight fit. A tube joins the two spouts to

make sure there is no drip, no possible ready by the time the alarm rings.

The principle is not new but the design is good and the whole thing essentially compact with better looks than those I have known in the past, apart from the larger but very smart Russell Hobbs teamaker. The recommended price is a mite frightening at £51.75 but you will find it a great deal cheaper than that at Curry's and some other discounting electricians. My favourite price is at Argos, where it costs a mere £38.95 and there are Argos branches all over Britain now so look at Street, Manchester.

your telephone directory or ask directory inquiries since they are opening all the

My second teamaker is also at Argos a really well-designed one from Pifco that looks like two short, cylindrical towers on either side of the upright column with the control buttons. Independent light and stainless steel again, very good-looking and discounted at Argos from £49.50 to £35.95. If you have no Argos catalogue, it is time you did but only if you have some money left as you will be tempted by a lot. Get the full coloured catalogue from all Argos branches. For the other stockists, contact Ekco Heating Appliances, Drury Lane, Hastings, East Sussex, or Pifco, Princess

You will have to work fast and 56 or there is a Felilis but you can just order a bunch of daffodils to arrive on someone's doorstep for Christmas from the Cornish Bulb Com- as well as from Stratford. Send pany, 18a, Church Street, Faimouth. £3 for 20 blooms may not be so cheap but spring at Christmastide cannot be cheap.

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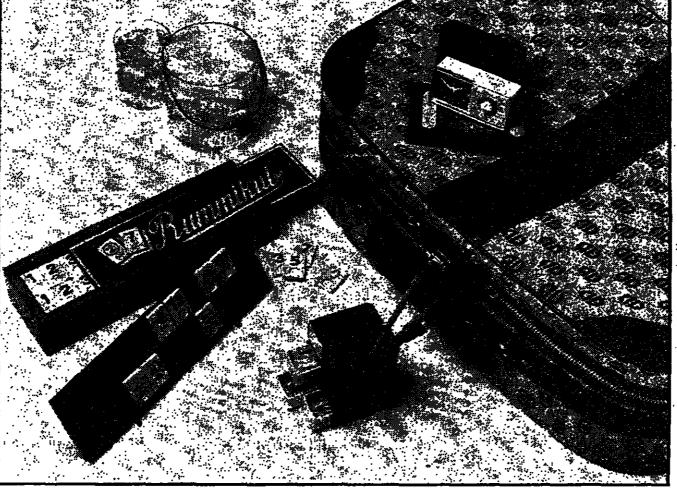
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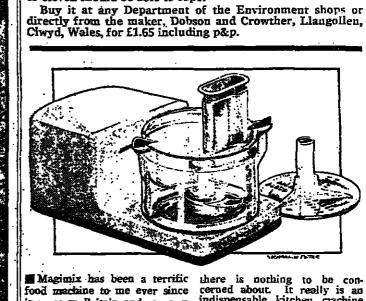
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Topolski calendar showing scenes from productions for £1.50 from the Arts Council Shop or the Aldwych bookstall CV37 6BB.

From Monday, December 19, to Friday, December 30, there is the "Song of Hiawatha" at the Upstream Theatre, Short Street, Waterloo, London SE1, presented by The Theatre of Marionettes, Barotimpin, St Anns, Lockerbie, Scotland (in case you want their other dates in other places). Let the Property of the Control of th in other places). Let the young delight in 24 inch red indians, strend ly arrived, and en verthe dramatization of Longing at all theatres. Gift vouch-fellow's poem to Andrew ers for tickets are £3, £4, £5, Kirby's music.





have since bought one. It was then about £57 and prices have

gradually gone up to nearer £79 or so. Determined to do

French who love it and who

something about that, for

compactness.

or eleven should be able to cope.

there is nothing to be conit came to Britain and my own high opinion of it has been con-firmed by the thousands who

■ Caernarfon Castle (which is how the Welsh spell it) has withstood seige battles and tourists over 700 years to

remain as a splendid and majestic monument to Edward I,

who conceived the fortress where the Prince of Wales was

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about other patterns, including a pretty floral Mini books are nice little such as costumes, toys and streking fillers or extra gifts books. Entrance is free, withstocking fillers or extra gifts to lay by the places of guests. out tickets.

Masses of little brown books. A Plain Hasses of Indie brown and the Working Classes is also Habitat, health food and other miniature, about 5! by 4! shops, distributed by Hunky inches. First published in shops, distributed by Hunky-

docy Designs. Called the Little Brown Bread/Egg/Rice books, besides the Little Brown Book of Greens, they are paperbacks with stiffish brown card covers, and they contain simple, healthy recipes all in brown imlic script on white background, rather attractive and appetising to look at as well as to feel. Little gems at 45p.

History of Little
is another adorable
A facsimile is on sale The Fanny at the Museum of London shop. Text and pictures are in a slipin different dresses and ces-tumes. It costs 95p (plus 15p p.p. if you cannot make it to will be a children's lecture on December 29 at 2.30 and on December 30 at the same time. It will be on children's books From Chapbook to Puffin chance to see many things sell Street, London WCIB 3PH familiar to Victorian children (01-636 1865).

A Plain Cookery Book for

1864, it shows the other side of life from Mrs Beeton's. It gives recipes on how to prepare a good quantity of soup for the poor, how to brew your own beer, and simply tells you how to fry, roast or cook the basics. After all that, the author is Charles Elme Francatelli, once chief cook to Queen Victoria.

Reprinted from the edition of 1852, this little book has come a kind of full circle and is useful to the inflation-ridden. tax-deprived middle lasses. I The original was one of a series doubt if you can buy hay saf-of Erric toy books with cos- fron any longer, then available of little toy books with costron any longer, then available turnes dating from around 1830. at all chemists, and so you will not be able to make Antispascase, the cut-outs delicately modic Tea to help you with coloured to show little Faony spasms and indigestion; but you can get vinegar and sageleaves to soak a rag in to cose p.p. if you cannot make it to sprains and you could still the museum). It really is bruise the leaf of a poppy that charming. Incidentally, there can the stings of wasps and will be a children's leafure on bees. A really original, sweet little book at 75p, also available in packs of 10 and 20. Not easy to find in the usual bookshops so contact the publisher, and there will afterwards he a The Scolar Press, 39 Great Rus-



Above: Pifco. Right: Ekco Hostess.

does not want or even like early-morning chance of spillage and you have your tea tea. When I waken, orange juice is my tipple and it keeps cold overnight in a vacuum flask. But I have been trying out the Ekco Hostess teamaker and I found it a luxury that could rapidly become an essential. The little round kettle and teapot nest behind a clock and light-the light works independently, I'm happy to say. The pot and kettle are of stainless steel, and the kettle is easily filled through a top hole before the sealing lid, which is a neat bar of plastic, goes on to make it a waterOME&GARDEN





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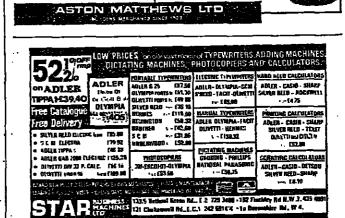
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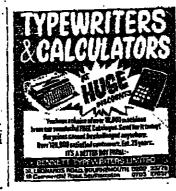
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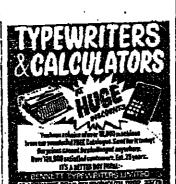
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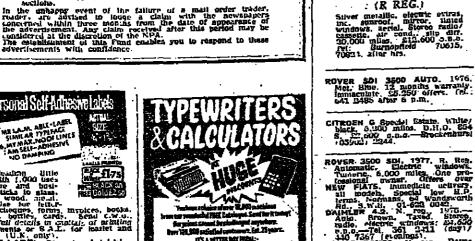
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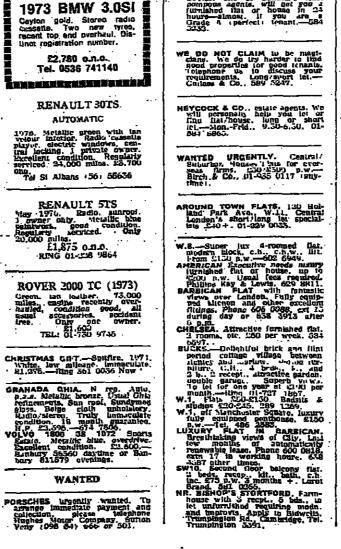
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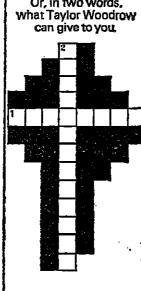
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